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Detective Inspector Sykes and other police officers (upper photo) searching part of the plane wreckage for survivors. The right wing of the plane stretched from the burning body across the ravine edge. The plane apparently broke in two, the tail (lower photo) being hung in front with elevators missing and part of the rudder damaged.—"China Mail" Photo.

# AIR MISHAP KILLS 23

## CPA Dakota Crashes In Fog In City Outskirts

### FLIGHT FROM MANILA

Nineteen passengers—all Chinese and including three children—and four European crew were killed in an air crash on the island of Hong Kong yesterday.

The plane, a CPA Dakota belonging to the Cathay Pacific Airways, crashed into a ravine on the South West side of Braemer Reservoir, about five miles from the centre of the city.

The crew were Captain J. C. Paish, First Officer A. Campbell, Radio Operator N. W. F. Moore, and Flight Hostess O. Batley.

Up to late last night nine bodies were found. These were not removed pending an official investigation today by the Director of Civil Aviation, Mr. A. J. R. Moss, in conjunction with the Police.

In the meantime, police guards are keeping a 24-hour watch on the scene.

The plane, on a scheduled flight from Manila, was making an approach to land at Kai Tak when it crashed in heavy mist on the edge of the reservoir on a hill opposite the Commercial Press Works, King's Road.

This was the second air tragedy in Hong Kong in about two months. A CNAC plane crashed—also in fog—on Basalt Island on December 21 with a loss of 35 lives.

Inspector Darkin, Inspector Wheeler and Detective Inspector Sykes and a party of constables were the first search party to locate the plane after it was reported to have crashed.

Inspector Darkin and his party from Eastern Police Station found the wreckage burning furiously in a small ravine on the South West side of Braemer Reservoir which belongs to Tukoo Docks.

The body of the plane had telescoped into a heap of wreckage with part of the tail, devoid of elevators, sticking up.

The telescoped body burned so furiously that the undergrowth on the sides of the ravine caught fire.

The damaged wings of the plane, untouched by the fire, were on both sides of the burning mass—the right wing hanging above the water's edge and the left wing resting on the side of the ravine.

#### Rescue Impossible

One of the wheels was lying in the water under the right wing. The other wheel was on the hillside just behind the left wing.

When the first police party reached the wreck, members of the party were not able to get near the burning plane because of the intense heat. It was impossible to make any attempt to rescue survivors if there had been any.

The highly successful character of the armistice started an immediate Arab movement to join with Egypt in reaching an accord with the Israeli state.

Iraq informed Dr. Ralph Bunche, Acting United Nations Mediator, that any agreement reached with Arab states touching on Palestine would be acceptable to Iraq.

#### To Go Along

Saudi Arabia, asked to join the Rhodes talks, replied that its Government saw no reason for a separate truce and would go along with any action adopted by other Arab League states.

Israel desire to complete negotiations with the Lebanon before completing those with Transjordan worked out in a compromise last night, according to reliable sources. These sources said the Lebanese delegation will come to Rhodes immediately and separate Lebanon-Israel and Transjordan-Israel discussions will be held simultaneously.

Dr. Bunche agreed that the Israeli-Lebanese problems probably could be settled easily and, therefore, an agreement undoubtedly would be reached before the more difficult Israeli-Transjordan problems are worked out.

Israel and Egyptians ended their war last night when both sides joked and fraternized at a champagne party celebration in the Yellow Room. Jews, Egyptians, correspondents and members of Dr. Bunche's staff mingled together and chatted as if they were on holiday and as if no war ever existed between them.

In one corner sat Egypt's chief of staff, Colonel Selim Daoud, and the Israeli commander, Colonel Yigal Yadin, discussing various moves in their war in the Negev as if it had been football game.

Pretty Irene Brod, secretary of the Israeli Foreign Minister, was the central figure in a small group that included Egyptian colonels, American Marines and British cavalry men.

Dr. Bunche, American negro, who alone more than any other since he is considered responsible for the successful conclusion of the armistice, moved from one group to another as if he hardly was able to believe his eyes.

When some one commented that the armistice succeeded in extracting the maximum concessions from both sides, he replied: "I know it. I am just as surprised as anyone."—United Press.



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#### Heavy Mist

A heavy mist hung over the reservoir at the time visibility was being only about 30 yards. The ravine apparently was not seen until it was too late.

An official statement issued by Cathay Pacific Airways said: "Cathay Pacific Airways' C-47 VR-HDG crashed near the Braemer Reservoir at 11.30 a.m. local time when carrying out normal approach procedure prior to landing at Kai Tak."

Search parties from Bay View Station and Eastern Station were sent out immediately. The wreckage was located by Inspector Darkin, Inspector Wheeler and Detective Inspector Sykes within an hour.

#### Crashing Sound

Interviewed by the "China Mail" occupants of hillside-shacks below the reservoir said they heard the plane flying very low over the area. Suddenly there was a crashing sound.

They did not see the plane. The ceiling was low at the time. There was also a heavy mist on the hills.

While climbing up the hill, a "China Mail" reporter found parts of the plane's elevators and tail near the top, beyond which was the reservoir.

There were also signs on the hillside of the plane's undercarriage having sheared off the tops of young pine trees in its climb up the slope to avoid crashing into the hill.

Blinded by patches of fog while making an approach to the airfield, the pilot apparently suddenly found a hill in front.

It is believed he probably put the plane into a climb and just managed to clear the top after sheerling off the tops of bushes and young pine trees which tore off parts of the tail elevators.

#### Yugoslavia Offers Compromise

London, February 24. Yugoslavia today offered a compromise on its territorial and reparations claims on Austria but the United States, Britain and France immediately objected that Yugoslavia had not backed down enough.

Today, Mr. Bebler requested this new four-point programme:

1. Alteration of the Austrian frontier in favour of Yugoslavia, the exact line to be determined by a later compromise.

2. Political, economic and cultural autonomy for part of Carinthia which is populated primarily by Slovaks, but not to be given outright to Yugoslavia.

3. Substantial reparations.

4. A guarantee of the rights of Slovaks and Croats throughout Austria.—United Press.



Twenty-three lives were lost yesterday in an air crash at the 600-foot high Braemer Reservoir, opposite the Commercial Press factory, King's Road. This photo was taken about an hour after the crash. The plane was still burning.—"China Mail" Photo.

#### Deputy Premier In Nanking, Optimistic

Nanking, February 24. The Deputy Prime Minister, General Wu Te-chen, returned here today from Canton in what was considered probably the first step in bridging the gap between Nanking and the South China city.

General Wu told waiting reporters at the airfield that Premier Sun Fo also would return here in three or four days.

The Deputy Premier appeared to be in high spirits and told re-

#### RAAF Pilot

First Officer A. Campbell, educated in Australia, came from Sydney. He was a 29-year-old bachelor. He saw service during the war as a pilot of the Royal Australian Air Force. He had been in Hong Kong for about seven months. His parents are at Sydney.

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Answering questions from waiting reporters in the airfield, General Wu also made the following points:

1. There is no rift between President Li Tsung-ien and Premier Sun Fo. He said when President Li was in Canton recently the two talked in a very harmonious manner.

2. Canton legislators are not opposed to the Legislative Yuan meeting in Nanking and are not insisting on it meeting in Canton.

3. The Government's new request for American aid in for economic and not military assistance for the months April to June.

4. Mr. Chung Tien-hsin, Government peace delegate and Minister of Water Conservancy, did not represent the Government when he went to Hong Kong recently to talk with Communist representatives there.

5. Cabinet meetings would still be held in Canton but important cabinet members would shuttle between Nanking and Canton whenever necessary. General Wu said this fits in exactly with President Li's attitude that political ministers should stay here and administrative ministers may move to Canton.—United Press.

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#### Free Gold, Silver Mart Authorised As Govt Releases Fiscal Reforms

Canton, February 24. The Finance Minister, Mr. Hsu Kan, today announced new financial and economic reforms authorising a free market in gold and silver, budgetary reforms and a revised tax system. The measures will be effective as soon as they are promulgated by Acting President Li Tsung-ien.

The new measures are:

1. To permit a free market in gold and silver, with sales of bullion by the Central Bank whenever necessary to stabilise the market. The circulation and melting by the Government of silver dollars will be permitted, although the circulation of foreign currencies still will be revised to permit the payment in kind of commodity taxes. Provincial and local governments will be permitted to retain a larger share of tax-revenues in order to lessen the subsidy paid by the National Government.

The basic currency will still be the Gold Yuan, but the Government hopes to stabilise the value through sales of gold and silver. Exchange prices will be fixed for foreign exchange certificates in order to encourage imports and exports, but present quotas and prohibitions against certain commodities will remain in force.

The Customs Yuan may not be bought for Gold Yuan, but must be paid for in gold, silver, foreign exchange or foreign exchange certificates issued through the Central Bank.

The Government will also issue a Customs Yuan worth U.S.\$0.40 which may be used for the payment of duties, but not for general circulation.

3. New fiscal measures, in which the National Budget will be estimated in terms of silver dollars, commodities and foreign exchange.

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## Mauritius Chinese Gets Gaol Term For Robbery

A sentence of two and half years' hard labour and nine strokes of the cane was meted out to Chaung San-sang, 17-year-old unemployed, by Mr. Justice Williams (Puisne Judge) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when a jury of five men and two women returned a verdict of guilty.

Also found guilty at the same trial was a young lad of about 16 years, who together with Cheung was charged with having committed robbery with violence.

### Seven Years For Armed Robbery

Found guilty on charges of armed robbery and causing malicious injury, Yau Kam, alias Lui Sheung, was sentenced to seven years' hard labour and 10 strokes by Mr. Justice Williams (Puisne Judge) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Lui Wah-ku, the accused's 18-year-old sister, who was similarly charged together with him, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment. On the charge of armed robbery, however, she was found not guilty.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, conducted the case for the prosecution, assisted by Detective Inspector R.P.G. White.

The offences were committed near the Chinese frontier on December 6, when a Chinese Revenue Officer, Yeung Leung, was attacked and robbed of his 38 revolver.

After Yau Kam had been found guilty by the jury, Mr. Hooton said that accused had been sentenced to three years' hard labour on August 19, 1940 and recommended for banishment when found guilty on a charge of possession of arms and ammunition. Yau was banished for life on October 5, 1940.

Lui Wah-ku protested innocence and burst into tears when the sentence was passed on her.

### Three Gold Bars, Coins Ordered Confiscated

Three gold bars, weighing 2.4 tael, and 19 one-tola coins with a total weight of six taels, were ordered by Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday to be confiscated.

The tola coins, explained Revenue Inspector H.L. Knox, are, in reality, Indian bullion as these coins are not legal currency in India. They are made of pure gold.

The gold belonged to Lung Tze-jun, 36-year-old married woman, who arrived by C.N.A.C. plane with her three children on February 23. At the airport, she was asked by Female Revenue Officer 93 whether she had anything to declare, and produced nine coins and two bars from her dress pocket.

On being searched, another gold bar was found in her hand bag. One of her two daughters, Lung Jung-tau, was also searched and found to have 10 coins in her purse. The total value of the gold found was \$2,520.

### Three-Way Dispute At Kowloon

A disorderly conduct case before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday, brought up a three-way dispute.

The Police were the complainants against J.R. Baleros, a Portuguese aged 30, and Tsang Jor-ming, aged 27, for disorderly conduct on a bus.

The two defendants disputed as to who first began the incident. Tsang was defended by Mr. P.L. Lam; Baleros conducted his own case.

The incident occurred on February 12 in bus when Tsang brushed against Baleros who was holding a cigarette.

Baleros said that he instinctively pushed Tsang away as the cigarette burnt his fingers.

This resulted in argument and a fight was the climax. In court both defendants sought to show that the other struck first.

In summing up, Mr. A.D. Scholes said that both defendants had admitted to the charge of fighting, and have therefore broken public peace.

Both defendants were fined \$40 each. Inspector J. Oren represented the Police.

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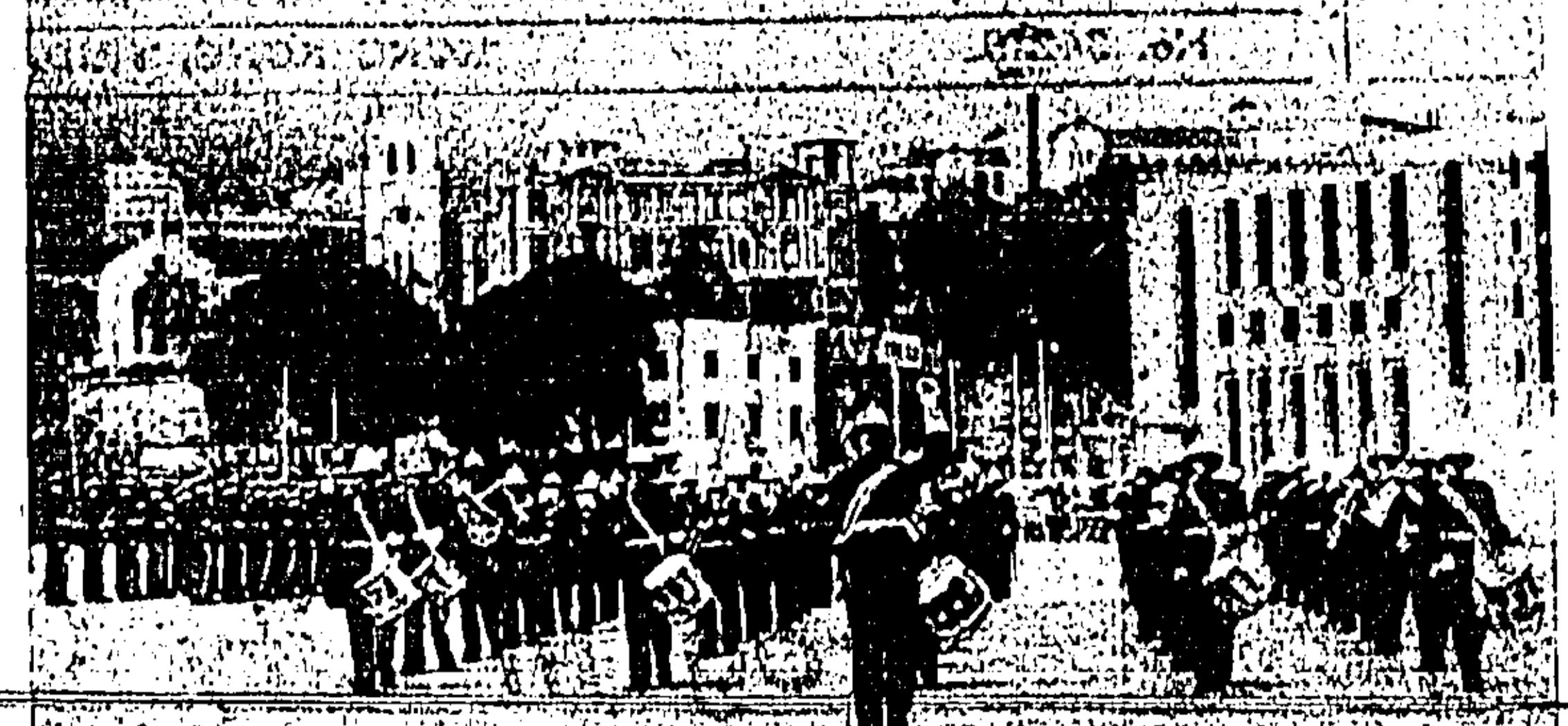
At the police station they were searched and a number of pawn tickets relating to clothing were found on them. Questioned, they said that the clothes were stolen from unnumbered buts on Tel Kung Road, So Ok Village, Tel Chi Yuen Village, and other places in Kowloon City. The total value of the clothing which the accused admitted having stolen from an unnumbered but somewhere in Kowloon City the same day.

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Being suspicious of the leather suitcase, they were searching the suitcase to stop and search them. When the suitcase was opened, it was found to contain 10 pieces of clothing which the accused admitted having stolen from an unnumbered but somewhere in Kowloon City the same day.

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## Beating Of Retreat At Cricket Ground



A large crowd at the Hong Kong Cricket Club Ground, watched the ceremony of Beating the Retreat by the Marine Band of H.M.S. London, yesterday afternoon. Two units of 24 marines each from the two cruisers in port, took part in the ceremony.

### Hard Labour Sentence For Thief

A thief who specialised in climbing over back walls and opening rear doors of ground floor flats was sentenced to two years and six months' hard labour by Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Lo Ching, aged 27, was stated by Sub-Inspector J.H. Evans to have climbed over a back wall at 23 Kiu Lung Street, ground floor, at 2.30 a.m. on New Years Day.

Getting into the back yard, Lo and another man made a hole in the back door and opened it by drawing the bolt. They then stole a radio set, a wristwatch, two fountain-pens, a pair of shoes, and 12 pieces of clothing from Tam Tung and Chau Tung, the occupants of the ground floor.

The burglars left by the back yard door, and nothing was heard about them until 8.30 p.m. on February 17, when Lo was arrested by Detective-constable 522 on Mong Kok Road near Shang-hai Street.

At the Mong Kok Police Station, Lo was found to be in possession of a pair of shorts, two fountain-pens and a sweater.

**Society Member**

During inquiries, it was learned that defendant was a member of the Wo On Lok Society. On being questioned, he admitted having been a member of more than two years.

Detective Sub-Inspector Fung also discovered that defendant was responsible for a burglary at 570 Reclamation Street, ground floor, at 2.30 a.m. on February 9.

On that occasion, accused also climbed over the back wall. He then removed a pane of glass from the back window and, inserting his hand through the hole, took a pair of trousers and a pullover belonging to Kong Yen. This crime, said SI Evans, was not reported to the police.

The total value of the property stolen from the two addresses was \$109, of which only \$40 worth has been recovered.

### RAW OPIUM CONFISCATED

Among his possessions when he arrived at the Kowloon Canton Railway Station on Wednesday, Lam Kow, aged 33, had eight tael of raw opium.

On a charge of possessing raw opium, the defendant was fined \$2,000 or six months' imprisonment by Mr. A.D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday.

Revenue Inspector Douglas Knox was in charge of the case for the Import and Export Office by which the opium was confiscated for destruction.

**Promise Made**

The men proposed to make

them their agent in America, promising him 10 per cent of the net profit, and arranged to have

him meet the financier of the

company, a Mr. George Wong.

Wong was said to be a millionaire and to have made a great impression on Yau when he was later introduced. The other men said that Wong had the reputation of being a reckless gambler and only the night before had lost \$100,000. They suggested to cure him of this bad habit by cheating him out of all his money in gambling and then returning it to him with a "good lecture".

### Game Arranged

The game was accordingly ar-

ranged. You put up HK\$20,000

and the other man subscribed another HK\$10,000.

For the first nine games, Yau

won. At the tenth game, Wong

made a clean sweep of everything

and left with his winnings.

When Yau failed to get back

his money, he reported to the

police.

When he was deported two days later, he told the police, "I

return to Hong Kong to become

a shoeshine."

Yesterday, he was ordered to

receive 10 strokes of the cane, and

to be detained for a month in the

juvenile section of the prison

pending deportation proceedings.

### FISHING JUNK BLOWS UP

A fishing junk said to be carrying explosives blew up yesterday, killing six of its occupants and injuring four persons, as she was

lying alongside the Aberdeen

Praya.

The cause of the sudden ex-

losion is still undetermined.

The dead included the master's

wife, a 10-year-old son and

four grandchildren.

One of the injured was

blown off his feet.

The bodies of the victims were

recovered from the water shortly

after the blow up.

The junk was seriously

damaged.

A fisherman was hit on the left

leg by a stray bullet at Man

Kun Tau district near the border

yesterday.

It was discovered later that

there was a gun duel between

the Customs officers and a gang

of smugglers near the spot.

## Policeman Sentenced For Assault

Convicted on the charge of assaulting and unlawfully detaining Sun Yuen on January 13, PC 1821 Leung Kwok-kiang, 29, attached to Shamshui Po Police Station, was fined \$750, or four months' hard labour, by Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

On the application of Mr. C.A. Sutherland, the alternative sentence was made to date from defendant's arrest on January 13.

According to the prosecution conducted by Detective Sub-Inspector A. Leslie, defendant went into the hut of Sun Yuen at Sai Kee Street about 9 p.m. on the day in question, and emerged about 10 minutes later with Sun handcuffed on the left wrist.

Sun, who has since disappeared, was brought along Sol-Kao Street to Mount Kok Road. About half an hour later, Sun returned to the hut alone, with his left wrist still handcuffed. The other ring of the handcuffs was dangling down on the chain.

# THE GOVERNOR OPENS NEW TB SANATORIUM

## TB Claims 57 Persons

Fifty-seven deaths from tuberculosis were registered with the Health Authorities during the week ended February 12. Total deaths from all causes was 278 including one death from smallpox. Births in the same period totalled 888.

## Cocktail Party Aboard New Swedish Ship

Local shipping circles had the opportunity to look over the new Swedish motorship *Hoi Wong* yesterday when they were entertained to a cocktail party aboard the vessel.

Jebshun Shipping Corporation, first charterer of the 3,400-ton modern vessel, were host to several hundreds who saw some of the latest modern navigation instruments with which the *Hoi Wong* is equipped.

The *Hoi Wong* will be put on the Swatow-Hong Kong-Singapore route of Jebshun Shipping Corporation. She left the Colony last night for a trial trip and will return here before she sails for the Straits.

A woman was charged before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday with being in possession of an opium pipe.

The woman, Leung Sze, aged 45, pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 or two weeks' imprisonment. A young man, Kan Lam, aged 21, on a similar charge, received the same penalty.

Inspector J. Orem prosecuted in both cases.

The *ex-Luxembourg Victory* is due to arrive here on February 25. She will be moored to buy Ato for discharge and loading of her cargo.

The vessel is expected to sail for San Francisco via Tokyo, Shanghai and Japan at 1 a.m. February 26.

## POST OFFICE

### MAIL NOTICE

Mail Service by Air and Surface to Territory and Postage is temporarily suspended until further notice.

### AIRMAIL FROM UNITED KINGDOM DELAYED

The Airmail from United Kingdom, scheduled to arrive on Thursday, February 24, has been delayed and is now expected to arrive on Friday, February 25, 1949.

The Outward Airmail for Japan, scheduled to arrive on Friday, February 24, will be delayed until 1 p.m. Friday, February 25, 1949 (Regulated mail half an hour earlier).

### Outward Mails

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### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Closing Times by Air: Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 1.30 a.m.; 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 3 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m. (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Chinkiang, (Reg.) 8 a.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking and Tsinan; Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Taipeh, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m. (GPO) 5 p.m.

Ordinary Airmail (printed matter, airmail and small packet posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m. (GPO) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea: Swatow, 9 a.m. Shanghai, 10 a.m. Swatow, 11 a.m.

Singapore, 11 a.m. Swatow, Aden, Egypt and Marseilles, 2 p.m. Manila, Mauritius, Bombay, L. Marques and South Africa via Durban, 3 p.m.

Amoy and Japan, 3 p.m. Formosa via Keelung, Noon.

Holbow, Patkoh via Holbow and Rangoon, 10 a.m. Vessel.

BATHURST, FEBRUARY 25

Closing Times by Air: Air Mail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m. (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m. (Ord.) 1.30 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai, Ningbo and Nanking; Airmail for Chinkiang, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Taipeh, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea: Balikpapan, 2 p.m. Manila, 3 p.m.

Ceylon, Madras, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Karachi and Bombay, 3 p.m.

Bangkok, 3 p.m.

BUNDY, FEBRUARY 27

Closing Times by Air: Air Mail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 8 a.m. Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 8 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m. 27/2.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking and Taipeh, (Reg.) 10 a.m. 27/2. (Ord.) 10 a.m. 27/2.

Airmail for Kuching and Calcutta, (Reg.) 10 a.m. 27/2. (Ord.) 8.30 a.m. and 27/2.

The Ruttonjee Sanatorium for tuberculosis patients, operated by the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association, was officially opened by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, yesterday.

The sanatorium is on the site of the Old Naval Hospital, Wan Chai. The land and the buildings were a free donation to the Association from the Government.

The sanatorium was named after Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee, well known philanthropist, whose donation of HK\$550,000 made possible the opening of the institution.

Yesterday's ceremony consisted of the formal opening of the door of the main entrance by the Governor with a golden key, which was afterwards presented to him as a memento of the occasion.

Sir Alexander, accompanied by his ADC Captain Wilson, arrived at 4.30 p.m. and was received by Dr. S. N. Chau, chairman of the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association, and by Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee.

After extending a welcome to the Governor and the other guests Dr. Chau gave a brief review of the history of the Association.

He said the Association owed its inception to Sir Geoffrey Northcote, a former Governor of Hong Kong, and Dr. Percy Selwyn-Clarke, former Director of Medical Services, and now Governor of the Seychelles.

Dr. Selwyn-Clarke was the first who saw the necessity for an association to combat tuberculosis. The outbreak of the Pacific War brought a halt to its activities, but immediately after liberation Dr. Selwyn-Clarke set about reviving the Association.

A pre-war contribution by Sir Robert Ho Tung of HK\$80,000 enabled the Association to purchase a mass radiography unit which is at present installed at the Queen Mary Hospital and is doing very useful work.

In August 1947 the present site was donated by the Government and a donation from Mr. Ruttonjee of HK\$550,000 made it possible for the Association to set up the sanatorium.

Dr. Chau mentioned other contributions, including HK\$50,000 from Mr. Leung Yew; HK\$25,000 from Mr. S. W. Lee and HK\$10,000 from Mr. A. W. Boon-haw.

### Very Fortunate

The Association was very fortunate in securing the services of the Sisters of St. Columban Mission of Ireland to staff the sanatorium. They were specially trained for this class of work.

Dr. Chau concluded with an appeal for voluntary contributions. "The greater the measure of support we receive from the public, the greater will be our usefulness, and the sooner will be the achievement of our object the combating and eradication of this dread disease."

Sir Alexander Grantham expressed Government's appreciation of Mr. Ruttonjee's generosity. "A true son of Hong Kong, without whose help this sanatorium could not have been opened today," said Sir Alexander.

Mr. Ruttonjee was not content with his donation of HK\$550,000, and continued Sir Alexander, and has offered a further HK\$125,000.

There are people in Hong Kong who would say that with all these magnificent contributions it was not necessary for them to do anything themselves. That, said Sir Alexander, was wrong. The running of the sanatorium would need a lot of money, and he endorsed Dr. Chau's appeal for voluntary contributions from the public. He said the Government had agreed to make an annual grant of HK\$150,000.

"It would be particular make an appeal to those wealthy visitors who come to our shores for sanctuary. Their presence has aggravated those crowded conditions which do more than anything else to help the spread of tuberculosis," said Sir Alexander.

Mr. Ruttonjee thanked the Governor and Dr. Chau for their kind reference to him and said it was a privilege for him to have been able to make this contribution to humanity.

### Wealth And Poverty

He said there was enormous wealth in Hong Kong and there were many wealthy people. There was also indecipherable misery, poverty, sickness and disease in the same community.

Tuberculosis was one of these diseases. It was impossible for anyone to overlook these conditions, he said, and common humanity should demand that we do our share.

"It has been my aim for the past two years to fight this scourge of tuberculosis. I am grateful to Government for its support. It has given us this site for the buildings of it is worth HK\$30,000,000. It has also agreed to make us an annual grant towards our maintenance, and I am also grateful to the Anti-Tuberculosis Association for making the possible the opening of this sanatorium," said Mr. Ruttonjee.

After the opening ceremony, a telegram from Dr. Selwyn-Clarke was read by Miss Ruby Moy, Secretary of the Association. It read: "Congratulations on the opening of the new Sanatorium plan. An



LIVING BUDDHA

## Living Buddha Meets Members Of The Press

The Tehni Ruttonjee Desai Ward on the ground floor, in memory of Mr. Ruttonjee's daughter who died of tuberculosis during the occupation, was opened by Mrs. Ruttonjee on the first floor was opened by Mrs.

After the ceremony tea was served in the compound.

More than 300 guests were present, including Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Brind, Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet; Vice-Admiral Madden; Commodore C. L. Robertson; Major General F. R. G. Mathews; the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson and Mrs. Gibson; Mr. Justice Williams and Mrs. Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morse; Mr. and Mrs. Lee d'Almada e Castro; Mr. M. M. Watson, Mr. T. N. Chau; Bishop Valorta; Father Ryan; Mr. B. K. Hawkins; Mr. W. J. G. Woodhead; Dr. G. H. Thomas; Mr. W. P. Montgomery; Mr. Chiu Cheuk-fan; Mr. J. M. Wong; Mr. Tang Shiu-kin; Mr. Li Po-kuai; Mr. Kan Tong-po; Mr. P. K. Kwok; Mr. M. P. Taihui; Mr. M. T. Melwani; and many others.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

## ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1948.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

## CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixtieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Friday, 25th February, 1949, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and to re-elect a Director and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th March, 1949, to the 23rd March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, A. SOMMERFELT, Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 24, 1949.

## LAMMERT BROS.

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On View from Thursday, the 24th February, 1949.

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Basement, French Bank Bldg.

Telephone 31637.

THE CHINA MAIL, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1949.

## THE HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

## ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 5th day of March, 1949, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 18th, of February to Saturday the 5th, of March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,

A. MORSE.

Chief Manager.

## THE HONG KONG &amp; SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

## Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong &amp; Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Second Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong) on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1949, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and to re-elect a Director and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th March, 1949, to the 23rd March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. SOMMERFELT,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 24, 1949.

## HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

## Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Undersigned on Friday, the 18th March, 1949, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th March to the 18th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; CO., LTD.

General Managers, The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, Feb. 25, 1949.

## HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, Hongkong, on Tuesday, 22nd day of March, 1949, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 8th to the 22nd day of March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 22, 1949.

## Service Auction Rooms

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## NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance, 1947.

and

IN THE MATTER of Kwong Tai Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the abovementioned company has lost its Memorandum of Association and that it is proposed to adopt a new Memorandum of Association.

A copy of the proposed new Memorandum of Association may be inspected at the office of the Company at No. 2G Western Street, 1st floor, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, or at the office of Messrs. C. Y. Kwan &amp; Co. of No. 4A, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria aforesaid, the solicitors for the Company, at any time during office hours.

Any person who objects to such proposed new Memorandum of Association should state briefly in writing the nature of the objections to such proposed new Memorandum of Association and should file the same with the Registrar of Companies, Supreme Court, Hong Kong, with the address for service within the Colony of the person objecting thereto, not later than March 30, 1949.

Dated: February 18, 1949.

C. Y. KWAN &amp; CO., Solicitors for the Kwong Tai Company, Limited.

## THE REFORM CLUB OF HONG KONG

THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING will be held at The Roof Garden of The Hongkong Hotel on Friday, the 25th February at 5.30 p.m.

## HONG KONG SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

## Reminder

The Extraordinary General Meeting will take place at the Green Room, Peninsula Hotel, on Monday, February 28, at 6 p.m.

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## CINEMA WORLD

## THE PREVAILING WIND IS FROM THE SOUTH

Old soldiers and "Gone With The Wind" appear to have a fair deal in common. Not only do they never die; they retain the distinctive stamp of their quality to the end. And, of course, they fade away.

This process is being retarded as far as possible in the case of the film by its makers, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. To this end a further exhibition of the wonder picture will be made next week at the Queen's and Alhambra.

Anyone seeing "Gone With The Wind" now for the first time can hardly fail to enjoy it. More to the film's credit, however, is the fact that it seems likely that people seeing it not for the first time will enjoy it just as much. All the dash, fire and magnificence is still capable of gripping one's imagination.

Another point is, too, that such is the length of the production that a second viewing is really necessary in order to absorb it in full.

A point of passing interest to those who make a desultory study of human oddity is the frequency of the abbreviation of the name of this mighty film offering to "GWTW".

Apart from the fact that it thus becomes distressingly similar to the call-sign of a radio station or the tag of a government department, it is patently inappropriate and unnecessary and obviously the product of some bird-brain's bumbling inadequacy.

Let there be anyone who has forgotten who the players are in this epic they are reminded that the names at the top of the list of 68 speaking parts are those of Clark Gable as Rhett Butler, Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara, Leslie Howard as Ashley Wilkes and Olivia de Havilland as Melanie Hamilton. They are assisted by some thousands of extras.

In addition to the above there is a convincing array of livestock taking part, including 1200 horses, 500 mules, 100 pigs, 100

All the family is present. Nels (Steve Brown), the eldest, Katriin (Barbara Bel Geddes), eldest daughter, and the two younger daughters, Christine (Peggy McIntyre) and Dagmar (June Hedin).

At the conclusion of the accounting Papa asks, "Is all?"

Mama replies, "Ja, is good. We will not have to go to the bank."

In that reply lies one of the chief points of the story. Mama has spared her children worry by inventing a bank account in town.

All the parts are played with such complete naturalness and skill that it is difficult to praise one more than the other. Irene Dunne is, of course, outstanding, but more because of the size of her part than through any weakness in any of the others.

In the supporting cast Oscar Homolka is brilliant as the belligerent and warm-hearted Uncle Chris. His death scene is something to be remembered.

Edgar Bergen (minus Charlie McCarthy) shows that he is well able to stand on his own. He is the bushy-undertaker who marries one of the Hanson's aunts, Trina, played beautifully by Ellen Corby.

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of Hollywood's "paintal efforts to be bright and cheery, turning out to be slight and dreary. But fear not, fellow-sufferers, this show is different: It is what it sets out to be—light and frothy and very funny.

The name of this surprise

packet is "Romance On The High Seas," a Warner Brothers' effort which will be

available to the cash customers at both the Lee and the King's towards the latter part

of the coming week.

Though both Don DeFore and Janis Paige are present in the cast, their parts are fairly slender.

The ingredients which give the show its zip are Jack Carson (the detective) and newcomer Doris Day (the substitute wife on the cruise).

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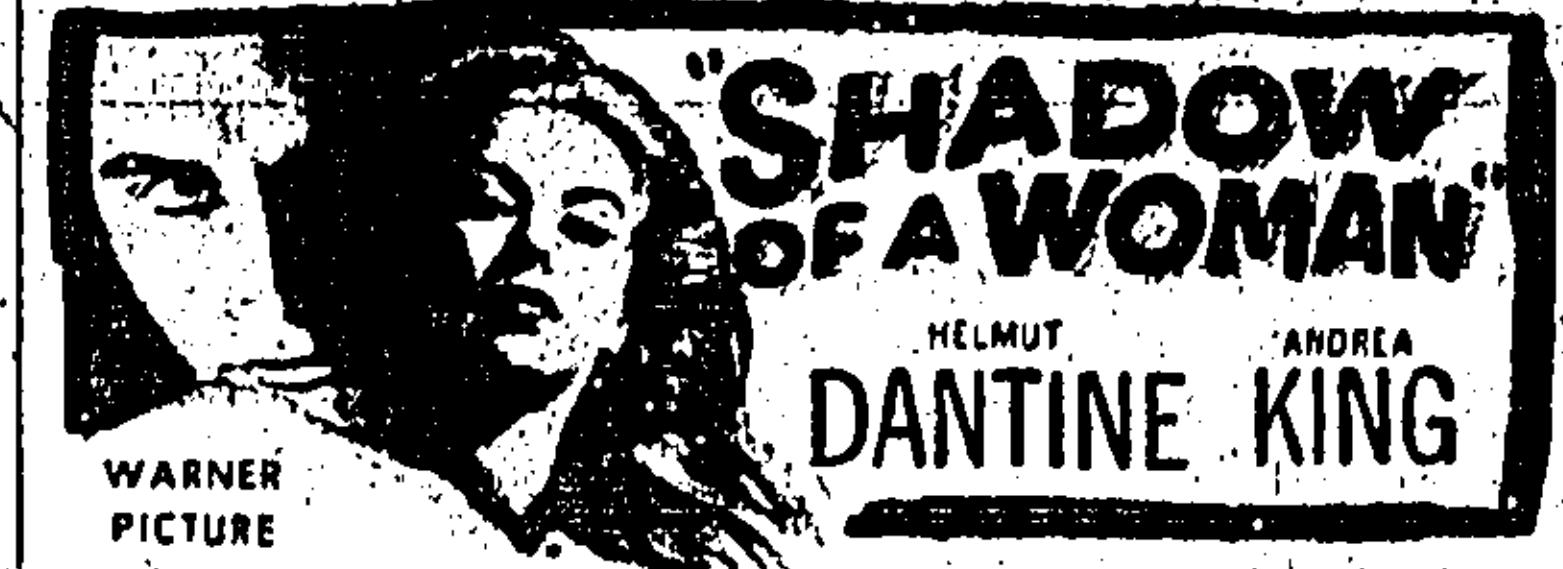
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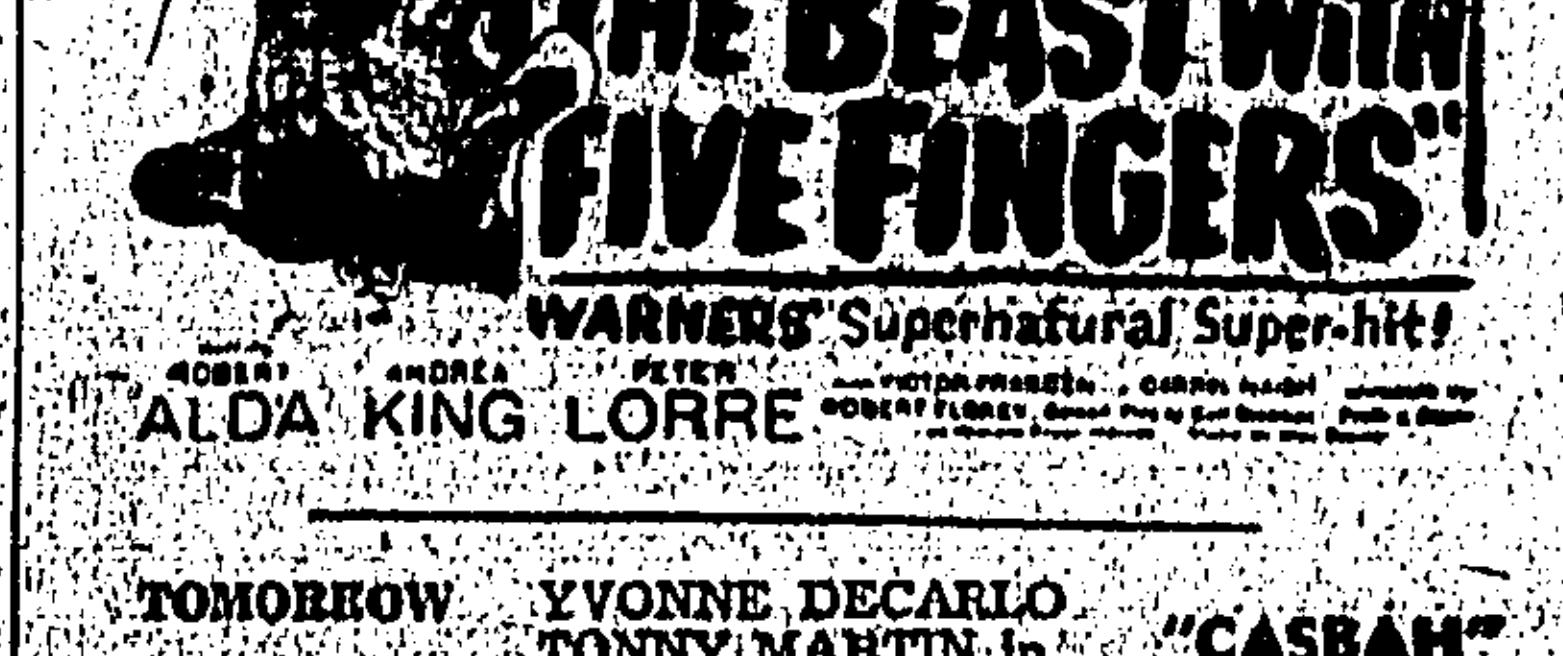


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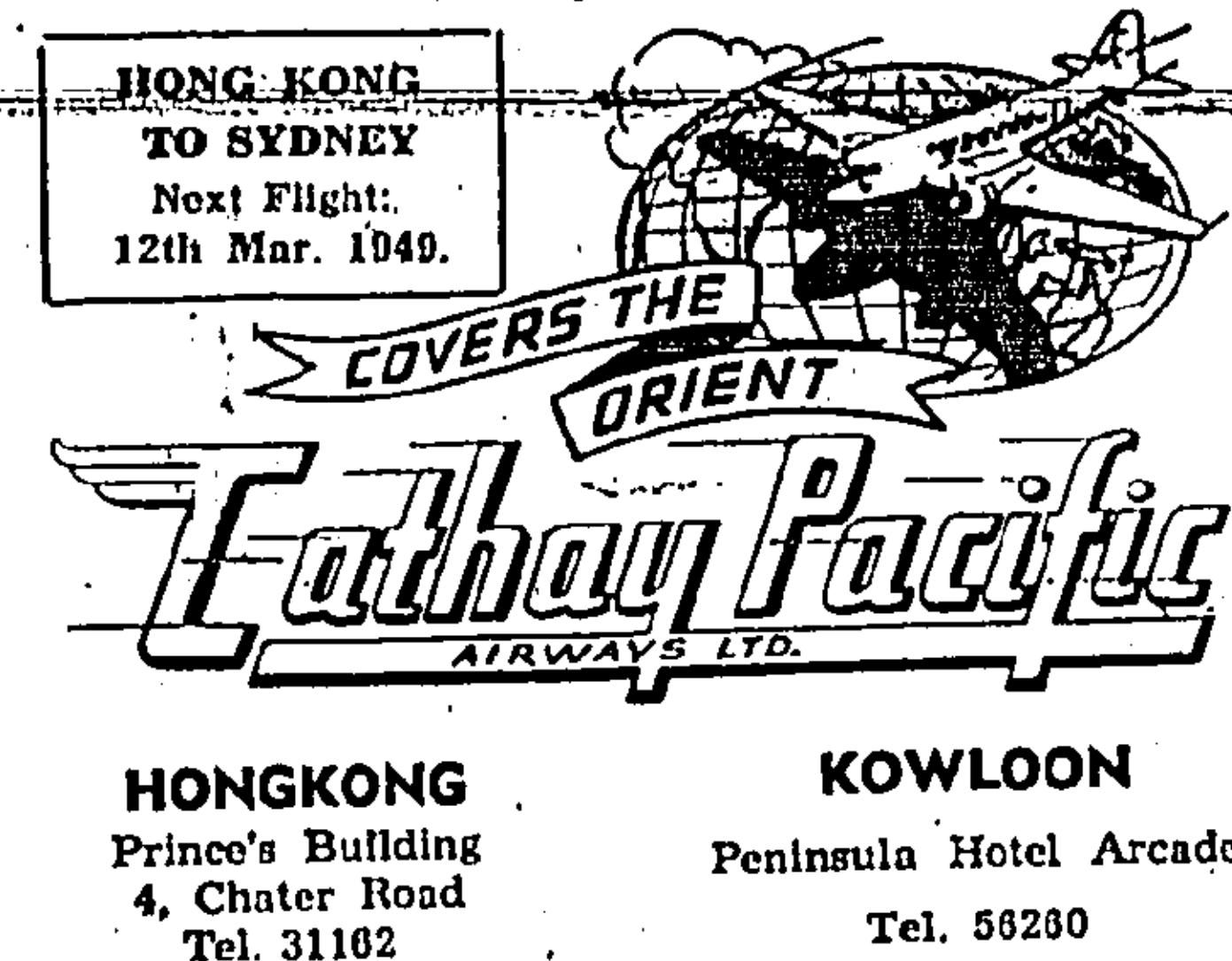
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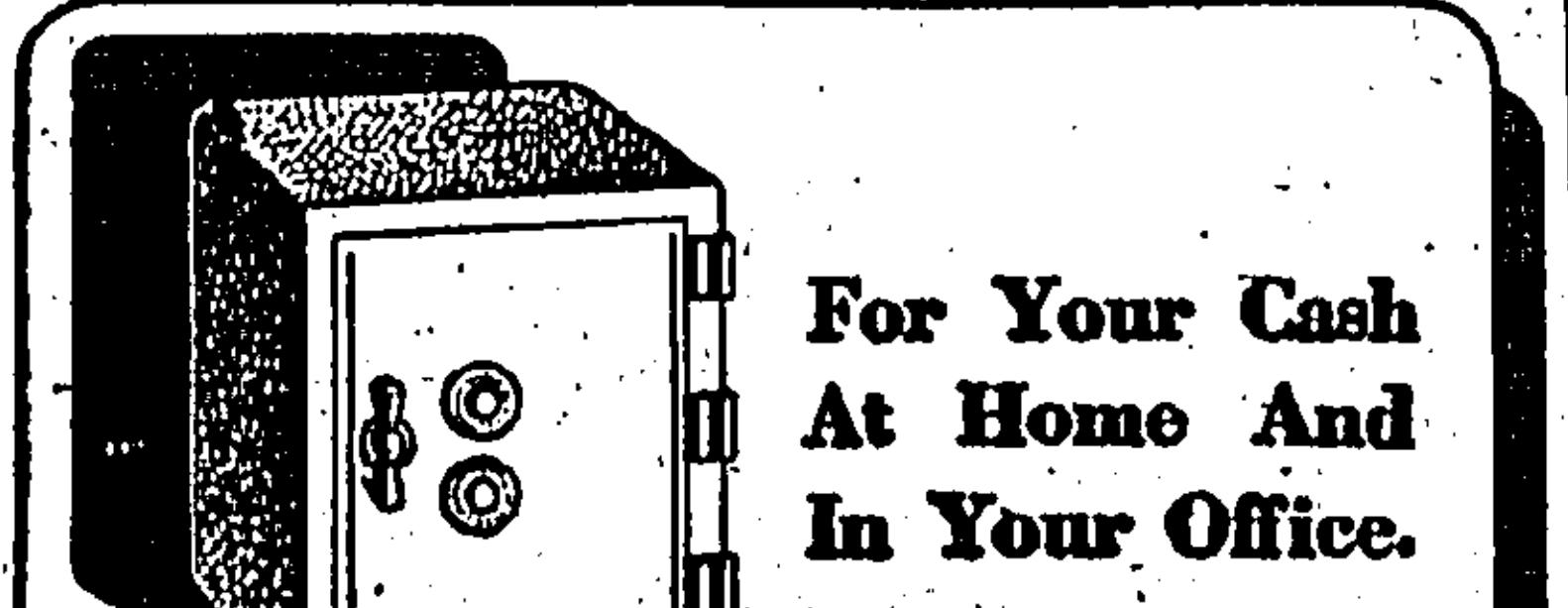
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### MARRIAGE

AARON-HARVEY—The wedding of Ellen Elizabeth Aaron to Edwin James Harvey will take place on Saturday, 20th February 1949, at St. Theresa's Church Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, at 10 a.m. with Nuptial Mass. Reception will be held immediately afterwards at the Parochial Hall, St. Theresa's Church (side). No invitations have been issued but all friends are cordially invited.

### PRINCIPLE AND PRACTICE

Probably a greater degree of honest individual opinion was voiced at the Legislative Council's discussion of the Hotels Ordinance Bill than is usually heard at meetings of that august body. The impact of public opinion had, however slightly, shaken members out of their usual take-it-or-leave-it attitude. The distinguished figure of Mr. P. S. Cassidy, honourable and confirmed exponent of private enterprise, was in the forefront. His admission: "I ought to be standing here in a white sheet confessing that I have sinned against the light. I am all for freedom in business as in other walks of life... Yet I find myself partly responsible for a bill which seeks to deprive the hotel owner of his right to charge what the business will bear."

He added that hotel owners might protest that the bill would drive them to ruin but the facts were that "in many cases they have taken unfair advantage of those residents who have had no possibility of obtaining housing accommodation." Opposing the passage of the bill, Sir Man-kam Lo nevertheless granted the post-war principle of price control: "that a few cannot be allowed unduly to enrich themselves at the expense of the community by taking an unfair advantage of a shortage in the community... The important question is what is the minimum price which would give the seller a reasonable return: not what is the minimum price which a buyer can afford."

Despite this speaker's opposition to some main passages in the new ordinance, that is the crux of the matter. No system of economy can be static and reactionary and expect to survive—loss of all capitalism. Modern industrialists and leaders of commerce accept without thinking (in the Western world, if not here) restrictions, employment conditions and taxation that their fathers would explosively have refused even to consider. However much one may hate Government control of business, the fact remains that the ruin and shortages of the post-war world have inevitably resulted in controls—which few if any private enterprises would ever have imposed on themselves. There is still much left to be desired in the current bill, but at least it is a step in the right direction.

### Dakota Tragedy

Every time a serious accident occurs in Hong Kong, some over-zealous individual, armed with what he believes is complete authority, endeavours to banish the Press from the scene "until the authorities have completed their enquiries." This may take several days or even weeks, and presumably the newspapers are not to

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a soldier to dominate the duly constituted Government of the Republic, and thus to bring the whole resistance not only of France but of her Empire to an end, contrary to the decision of his political and lawful Chief.

Apart from these formalities and talk about the honour of the French Army there stood a practical point. An armistice formally entered into by the French Government would mean the end of the war for France. By negotiation part of the country might be left unoccupied, and part of the Army free; whereas, if the war were continued from overseas all who were captured from France

would be controlled directly by the Germans, and millions of Frenchmen would be carried off to Germany as prisoners of war without the protection of any agreement. This was a substantial argument, but it belonged to the Government of the Republic and not to the Commander-in-Chief of the Army to decide upon it.

### Sinister Figure

Weygand's position that because the army under his orders would in his opinion fight no more, the French Republic must give in and order its armed forces to obey an order which he was certainly willing to carry out, finds no foundation in the law and practice of civilised States or in the professional honour of a soldier. In theory at least the Prime Minister had his remedy. He could have replied: "You are affronting the Constitution of the Republic. You are dismissed from this moment from your command. I will obtain the necessary sanction from the President."

Unfortunately M. Reynaud was not sufficiently sure of his position. Behind the presumptuous General loomed the illustrious Marshal Petain, the centre of the band of defeated Ministers whom Reynaud had so recently and so improvidently brought into the French Government and Council, and who were all resolved to stop the war. Behind those again loomed the sinister figure of Laval, who had installed himself at Bordeaux City Hall, surrounded by a clique of agitated Senators and Deputies.

Laval's policy had the force and merit of simplicity. France must not only make peace with Germany, she must change sides; she must become the ally of the conqueror, and by her loyalty and services against the common foe across the Channel, save her interests and her provinces and finish up on the victorious side. Evidently M. Reynaud, exhausted by the ordeals through which he had passed, had set the life or strength for so searching a personal order, which would indeed have taxed the resources of an Oliver Cromwell or a Cromwell, of Stalin or of Hitler.

In the discussions on the afternoon of the 16th, at which the President of the Republic was present, Reynaud, having explained the situation to his colleagues, appealed to Marshal Petain to the Cabinet view. He could not have chosen worse envoy. The Marshal left the room. There was an interval. After a while he returned with Weygand, whose position he now supported.

### Slippery Slope

At this serious juncture M. Chautemps, an important Minister, slid in an insidious proposal which wore the aspect of a compromise and was attractive to the wavering. He stated in the name of the Leftist elements of the Cabinet that Reynaud was right in affirming that an agreement with the enemy was impossible, but that it would be prudent to make a gesture which would unite France. They should ask the Germans what they

should do.

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Peace delegate Professor Wu wasn't able to meet the Communist leaders in Hong Kong, but when he left, his face was of the right ideological colour.

"American Ties with the World." Let's hope they tone down those flaming sunsets a bit.

The former American club at Rainbow Corner in London has become a milk bar. There is no truth in the report that the ladies who used to throng the pavements there have volunteered as milkmaids.

There is as yet nothing concrete as to why that sand coolie was kidnapped.

Mao to meet Shao, Hao, Hao!

Monty on tour: There'll always be a Switzerland—providing the Swiss watches, of course.

Sovietmilk?

Simple Simon seems to be after the "pie" man once again.

So those hotel telegrams to Nanking were, after all, only hul...

Lo, our Legislative Council hath spoken, and that yardstick the hotels kept talking about can be used to measure up the floor space.

Break a law and you get fined. But when the Jockey Club unwittingly does so, the law gets redefined.

The Defence Force now numbers more than 1,600. Well, at Balclava a mere 600 made the world wonder.

Aly Khan soon....!



"Heck!—Corned beef again??!"

condition of armistice would be remaining entirely free to reject them. It was not, of course, possible to embark on this slippery slope and stop. The mere announcement that the French Government were asking the Germans what should be granted was sufficient in itself to destroy what remained of the morale of the French Army.

However, combined with the demonstration which they had witnessed from Petain and Weygand, the Chautemps suggestion had a deadly effect on the majority. It was agreed to ask His Majesty's Government how they would view such a step, informing them at the same time that in no circumstances would the surrender of

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### Lesson 25

#### Vocabulary:

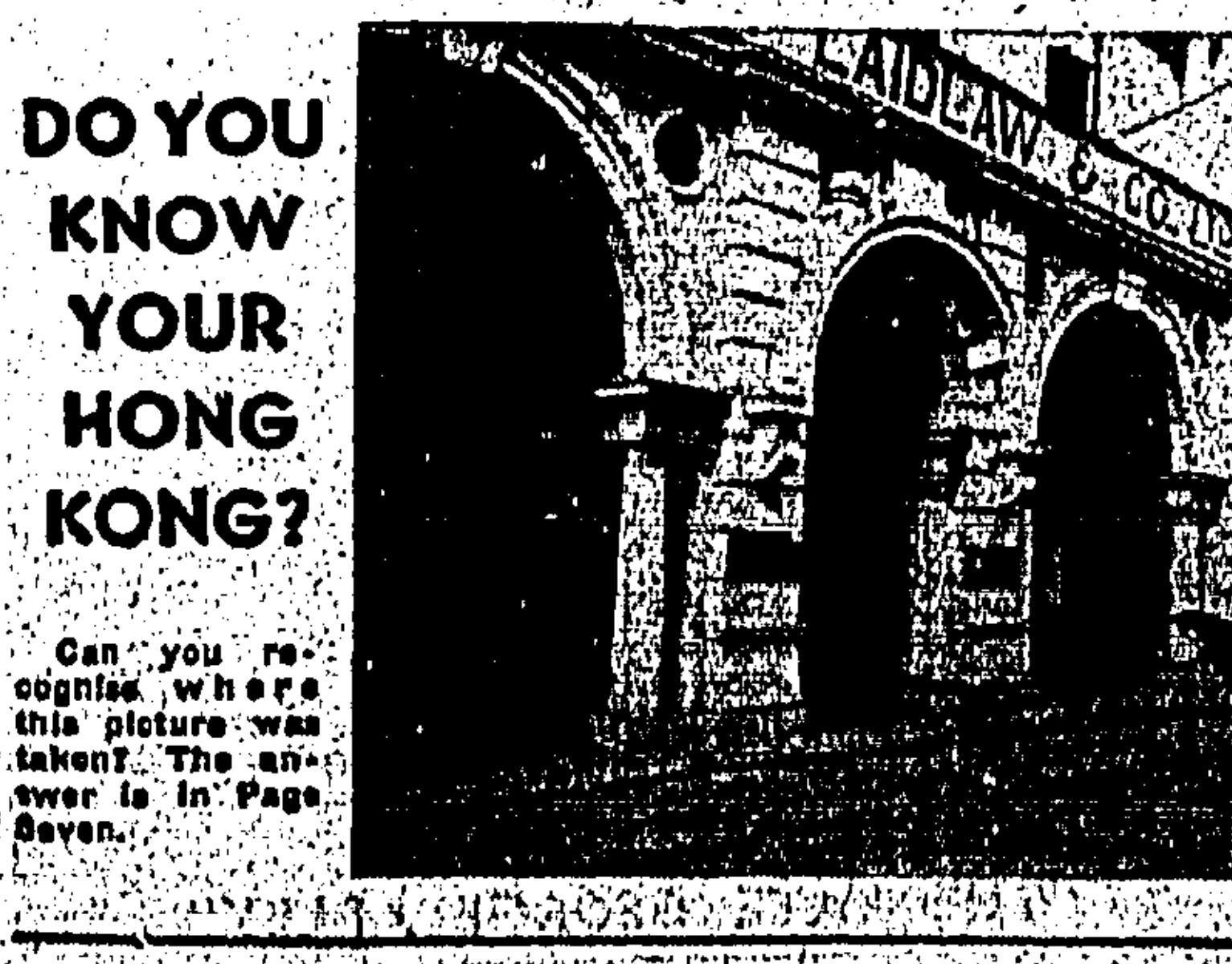
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| 136. (hoi) hoy <sup>1</sup>     | To open. To start. To begin.                              |
| 137. (shaan) shaan <sup>1</sup> | To shut.  |
| 138. (moon) moon                | A door.   |
| 139. (to) doh                   | A degree. A unit. Classifier for doors, windows, bridges. |
| 140. (yup) yup                  | To enter. In.   |

#### Combinations:

|  |                    |
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| 1. Moon hau <sup>2</sup> .               | Doorway. Entrance. |
| 2. Hoy <sup>1</sup> moon.                | To open the door.  |
| 3. Shaan <sup>1</sup> moon.              | To shut the door.  |
| 4. Yup lai.                              | To come in.        |
| 5. Yup hui <sup>1</sup> .                | To go in.          |
| 6. Choot <sup>1</sup> lai.               | To come out.       |
| 7. Choot <sup>1</sup> hui <sup>1</sup> . | To go out.         |
| 8. Choot <sup>1</sup> yup.               | To go in and out.  |

#### Conversation:

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| A. Been <sup>1</sup> gaw <sup>2</sup> dah <sup>2</sup> moon  | Who is knocking at the door? ah?       |
| B. Ngaw, M goy <sup>1</sup> may hoy <sup>1</sup> moon lah <sup>1</sup> .   |  |
| A. Seen <sup>1</sup> shaang <sup>1</sup> wun <sup>2</sup> been <sup>1</sup> Whom do you want, sir? gaw <sup>1</sup> ah?  |  |
| B. Mun seen <sup>1</sup> shaang <sup>1</sup> hai <sup>2</sup> Is Mr. Mun in? shue <sup>1</sup> mah?  |  |
| A. Mun seen <sup>1</sup> shaang <sup>1</sup> choot <sup>1</sup> jaw <sup>2</sup> hui <sup>1</sup> Please come in and take a seat. tsing <sup>1</sup> yup lai tsaw hah lah. |  |
| B. Ngaw, m duk <sup>1</sup> haan tswa lok <sup>1</sup> .   | I haven't time to sit down.            |
| Kui faam <sup>1</sup> lai gaw <sup>2</sup> jun shee <sup>2</sup>   | When he comes back.                    |
| m goy <sup>1</sup> nay geego <sup>2</sup> kui wun <sup>2</sup> ngaw lah <sup>1</sup> .   | Please tell him to pay me a visit.     |
| Ngaw, yau dee <sup>1</sup> yeh tung, kui gong <sup>2</sup> .   | I have something to talk to him about. |
| A. Hui <sup>1</sup> been <sup>1</sup> shue <sup>2</sup> wun <sup>2</sup> nay ah?   | Where will he find you?                |
| B. Dai <sup>1</sup> yee <sup>1</sup> teeo <sup>1</sup> gaay <sup>1</sup> , tsut <sup>1</sup> hoh.  | No. 7, the next street.                |
| Ngaw hui <sup>1</sup> lok <sup>1</sup> .   | I'm going.                             |
| M goy <sup>1</sup> nay shaan <sup>1</sup> moon lah <sup>1</sup> .  | Please shut the door.                  |
| A. Tsing <sup>1</sup> yum <sup>2</sup> booi <sup>1</sup> cha seen <sup>1</sup> lah <sup>1</sup> .  | Please have a cup of tea first.        |
| M yum <sup>2</sup> lok <sup>1</sup> , M goy <sup>1</sup> lok <sup>1</sup> .  | No. Thank you.                         |
| Tsing <sup>1</sup> tsing <sup>2</sup> .  | Good bye.                              |
| A. Hoh <sup>2</sup> haang <sup>1</sup> .   |  |



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# CAMPAIGN IN MALAYA

## To Reinforce Strength Of Armed Forces

Lord Listowel, Minister of State for the Colonies, gave an assurance tonight that the total strength of the British forces in Malaya would not be reduced. Replying to a House of Lords debate on terrorist activities in Malaya, he said that he did not agree that the position there was worsening.

## Red Army Fete Held In Berlin

Berlin, February 23. The Western Military Governors in Germany were "unable to attend" to-day's Berlin celebrations of the Red Army's 31st anniversary, marked through the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe by the traditional parades and demonstrations.

The top-ranking American, British and French Commanders have received invitations to a reception this evening at the residence of the Soviet Military Government, Marshal Sokolovsky. The three Western Military Governors will be represented by their deputies.

West Sector Berlin police riot squads stood by this morning near the Soviet Memorial, just inside the British Sector, ready to prevent possible incidents.

At 10.15 a.m. (local time) a column of 100 smartly dressed uniformed Soviet officers, all armed with revolvers, marched up to the Unter Den Linden, through the Brandenburg Gate on the sector boundary, to the big white War Memorial.

With them were 20 Russian women. The party laid two wreaths, broke ranks, and walked in small groups back to the Soviet Sector.

A British spokesman said the Russians had not told the British they would parade into their Sector today, but no protest would be made since it is an established custom for Soviet soldiers to parade at the Memorial.

### Preparedness Urged

The Moscow Radio today broadcast an Order of the Day by Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Armed Forces Minister, calling for a "high standard of military preparedness to be constantly maintained."

In an editorial on the anniversary, the Soviet Communist Party paper, Pravda, said that while the Soviet Union was successfully carrying out the post-war five-year plan in the cause of the "Imperialist instigators of a new war, we hear a demonstrative rattling of sabres."

A Warsaw report from Tass, official Soviet news agency, said that Marshal of the Soviet Union Constantin Rokosovsky declared at a ceremonial meeting in the Polish capital that the "command-in-chief of the Soviet and Polish armies, born of the second World War, will be as eternal as is the growing friendship of the Polish and Soviet peoples."

The meeting, which was attended by the Polish President, Premier and Cabinet Ministers, sent a message of greetings to Generals Stalin and Marshal Bulganin.

Tests reported from Prague that meetings of public bodies, attended by members of the Czechoslovak Government, political leaders, and Service Chiefs, were held in the Czech capital and in most of the country's large towns.—Reuter.

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## EMERGENCY IN SIAM PROCLAIMED

Bangkok, February 24. Premier Phibun Songkram's government today proclaimed a state of emergency to cope with Communist pressure on Siam's borders and mounting unrest inside the country.

### Chinese Aid To Terrorists

London, February 23. Mr. Thomas Reid, Labour, asked in the House of Commons today what connection half a million Chinese squatters in Malaya had with the terrorist campaign there and what action had been taken against them.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creach Jones, replied: "In certain areas alien Chinese, many of whom have illegally entered the country and have occupied land to which they have no title, have furnished recruits for the bandit forces, have acted as spies and saboteurs and provided them with supplies and shelter."

One plantation manager had written him saying many rich Chinese did not think the British planters would be able to go on.

They were waiting to buy up plantations for a song when the British planters left.

### No Reduction

Lord Listowel, Minister of State for the Colonies, replied for the Government. About the future of the Guards Brigade, he said it was undesirable to divulge the disposition or movement of British troops overseas but could give an assurance that the total strength of the British forces in Malaya would not be reduced.

"The High Commissioner takes the view that further military reinforcements are not at present required. He regards the co-operation of the Chinese as being the most important immediate step," Lord Listowel said.

Production was not falling. Figures showed that the month output of rubber and tin increased in 1948 as compared with 1947.

A contribution by the British Government to the extremely heavy cost of the security measures in Malaya was being considered very carefully and with a full realisation of its weight and importance to Malaya.

Lord Listowel did not agree that the general situation in Malaya was worsening. Though the situation was still serious, there were some encouraging features. The number of bandits' attacks had steadily fallen from the peak of 278 in November to 232 in December and 198 in January.

Murder of civilians of all races had dropped from an average of 48 a month in the period June to December last year to 31 in January. After a special tribute to the Malayan police, Lord Listowel said police arms, wireless and transport equipment were being brought up to the most modern standard as rapidly as possible.

One of the most satisfactory features was that the authorities were now getting word more often of the bandits' movements and plans. This enabled swift counter-action to be taken.

Two thousand Gurkha troops would shortly arrive in Malaya to reinforce those already there.

In the week ended February 10, 32 enemy camps and in the week ended February 17, 16 camps were located and destroyed. The Navy and Air Force had given valuable assistance by preventing the possibility of Communist reinforcements reaching Malaya. "There are signs that the main bandit forces have been unable to continue the fight in some areas," Lord Listowel said.

Lord Mancroft, Conservative, said: "It is not clear what is happening in Malaya at present, except that we are not winning." He hoped the Minister would contradict the "widespread rumours" that the Brigade of Guards was to be brought back to Britain in April.

There was too much about administration in Malaya, he said. The police, instead of fighting the bandits, were checking up dog licences. "We are losing rubber at the rate of 10,000 tons a month at a loss of US\$4,000,000 a month," he said. "It is costing us £35,000 a day to fight this battle in Malaya," he added.

Lord Airlie, non-party Peer, said: "We are making very little, if any, headway in Malaya." Planters generally believed it was no longer a military problem. An entirely new approach to the situation was needed, cutting off from the terrorists supplies and information about British troops.

This marks an important step forward in what we will trust be Siamese and Malayan officials on an increasing co-operation between the two countries and Government," he said.

Lord Listowel said strong measures had recently been taken against those suspected of assisting the bandits. The Malayan Government had taken power to deport en masse inhabitants of certain areas who had persistently declined to co-operate with the security forces against the bandits.

These operations and subsequent reprisals had been carried out with humanity but with extreme thoroughness.

It has been estimated that the protection money extorted from Chinese, particularly the wall-to-do, by the bandits amounted in October and November last to as much as \$750,000 a month apart from payments in kind. The Government had taken resolute action against persons known to be persistent in paying this blackmail. Many arrests had been made and more would be made. The Government would be no respecter of persons in this matter. It was encouraging to know that various Chinese associations were making a absolute stand against this practice.—Reuter.

Lord Soulbury, whose appointment was officially announced in London yesterday, will succeed the present Governor-General, Sir Henry Monk-Mason Moore, towards the end of the year.—Reuter.

The Premier signed a proclamation last night, six days after the Cabinet had decided to declare a state of emergency and close the border of Malaya. The formal proclamation had to await the approval of the Council of Regents acting for young King Phumiphon Aduladet.

Mr. Songkram said the proclamation was deemed necessary because of the Communist activities in Malaya, Burma, French Indo-China and China. He said disorder already had spread rapidly inside Siam and the government had been compelled to use force to suppress unrest. He did not clarify the location of trouble spots in Siam.

The office of the Premier issued a statement saying that:

1. The proclamation was a preventive measure designed to stop the unrest in South East Asia from spreading to Siam.
2. The measure would protect "honest citizens."
3. The government would not use drastic measures unless these were deemed necessary and would not exercise press censorship.

4. Siamese and foreigners in Siam were asked to refrain from disseminating subversive propaganda and from disturbing national and world peace.
5. Merchants were warned not to hoard goods.—United Press.

## No Progress On Scandinavian Defence Pact

Copenhagen, February 23. The Danish Foreign Minister, Dr. Gustav Rasmussen, told the Foreign Affairs Committee here today that the talks on a Scandinavian Defence Pact must for the moment be regarded as "in abeyance."

The Prime Minister, Dr. Hans Hedtoft, said after the meeting that he has raised the question of an alliance with Sweden

Hedtoft said that Denmark could not count on this possibility.

"Personally, I feel that it is more than tragic that events have turned out as they have," he said. Denmark had done everything possible, but as they had failed, the Government had a decision to take when fuller information was available.

"I do not think we can come to any decision over the Atlantic Pact until the contents are known and fully considered," the Prime Minister said.

"We must know the precise nature of the guarantee and the commitments insured by the signatory countries."

Denmark must have time to consider a decision. She must not be included in a pact the full significance of which was not completely clear.

The whole of last year's rise in oil fuel (which reduced some tramp shipping profits "appreciably") has been lost in the last few weeks. As long as the volume of world tonnage remains high and as long as a large part of U.S. tonnage remains idle, shipowners expect any surplus of tonnage, at least one tonnage available for sterling world peace."

Remarking on the difficulty of remaining isolated, the Prime Minister said: "We had hoped that an honest will to peace and a promise of non-aggression would have secured us. But the value of non-aggression promises was clearly shown on April 9, 1940 (the date of the German invasion of Denmark)."

An official statement on the meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee said that the Foreign Minister had spoken on the latest reports from the Danish Ambassadors in London and Washington.

The British and United States Ambassadors both saw the Foreign Minister this week.

The Foreign Minister was believed to have asked for time when, according to reports, the American Ambassador asked him whether Denmark wanted an invitation to join the Atlantic Pact discussions.—Reuter.

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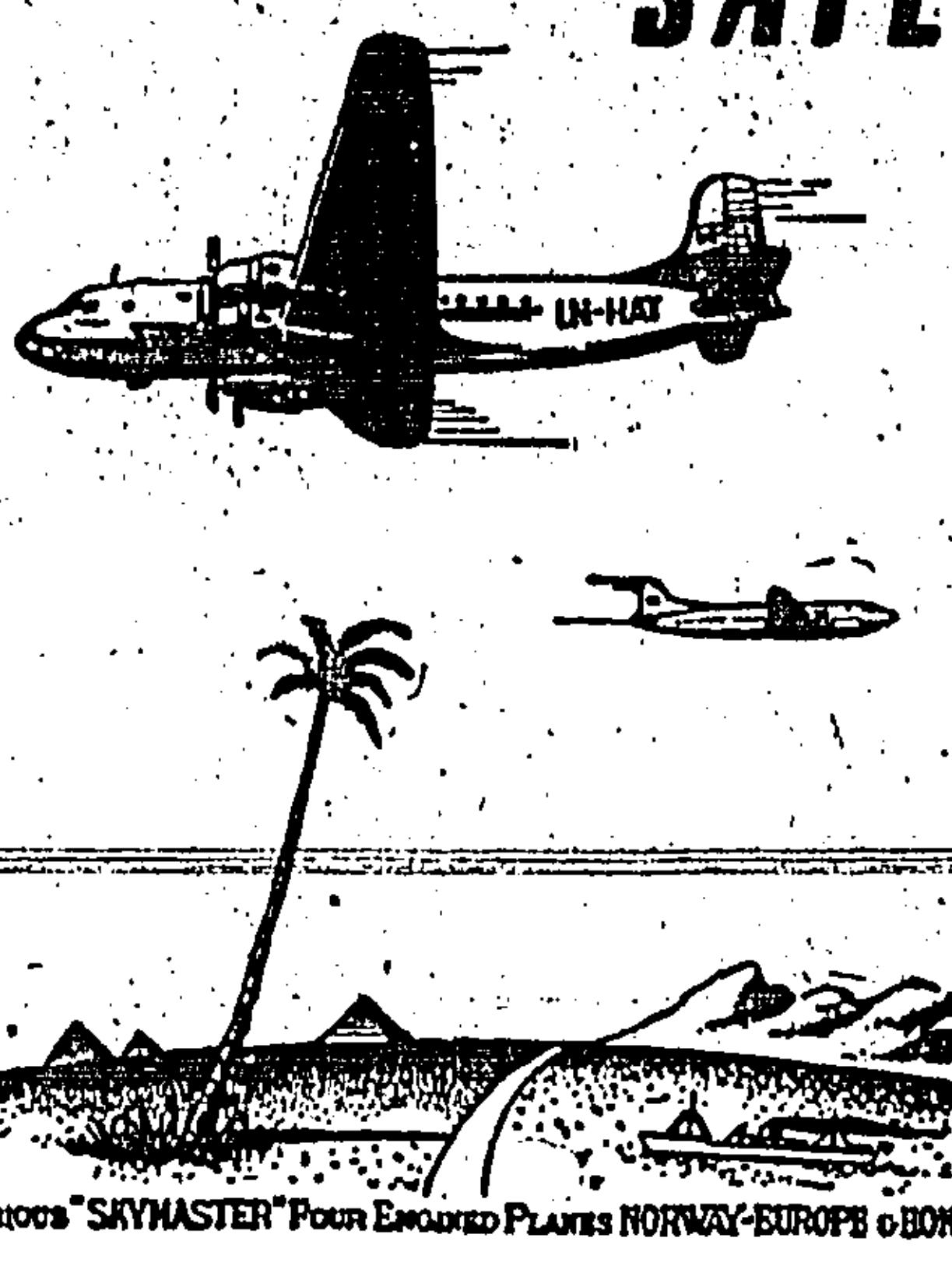
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1.25 p.m.—Interlude

1.30 p.m.—"Music for You"

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2.00 p.m.—Programme Summary

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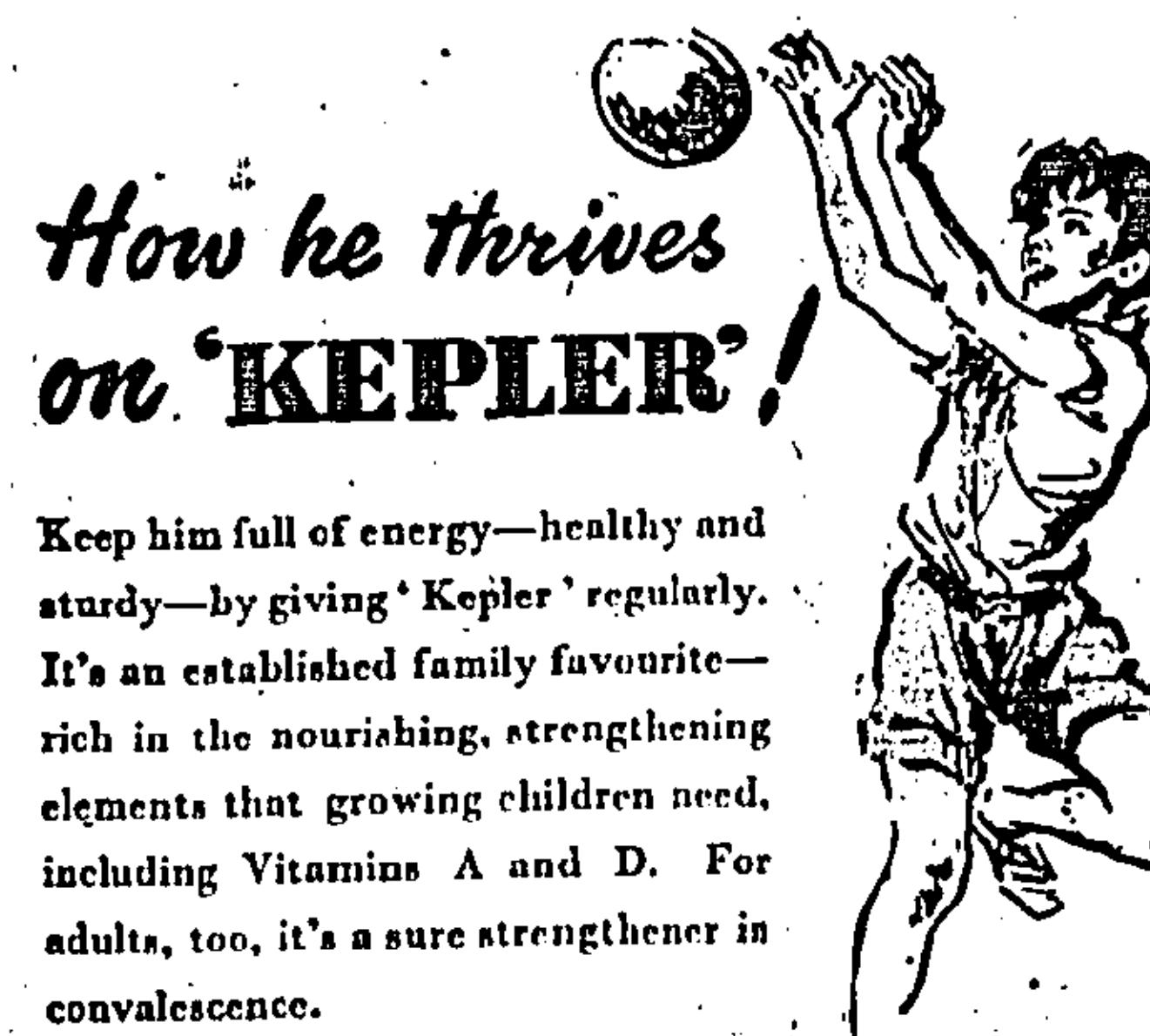
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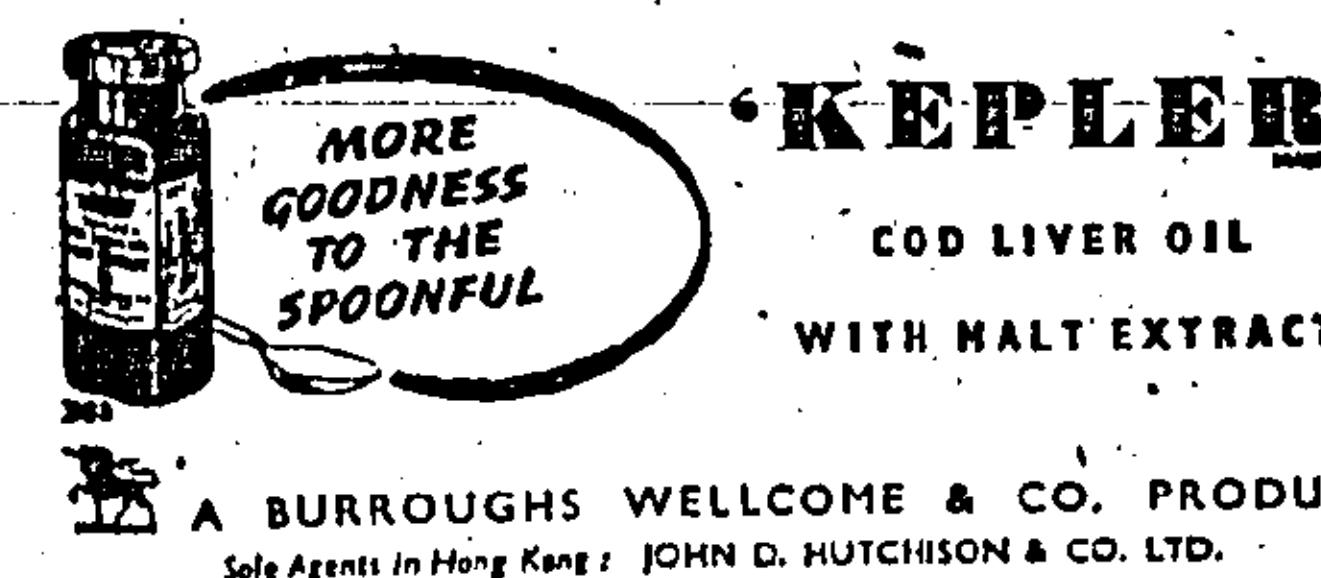
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## AIR MINISTER ASKS STRENGTHENING OF RAF

### Nehru On Policy Of Australia

New Delhi, February 23. The Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said on Wednesday that the Australian Minister for External Affairs, Dr. H. V. Evatt, has expressed regret that he had misunderstood what Pandit Nehru said in a recent interview on the White Australia Policy.

Mr. Nehru was asked in the Legislative Assembly about Mr. Evatt's statement in Canberra, the Australian capital, that in his view, Mr. Nehru supported the White Australia policy.

Mr. Nehru told the Assembly that in the course of an interview with an Australian newspaper correspondent some time ago, he stated that he could understand an immigration policy based on economic considerations with a view to maintaining certain standards and ways of living but that he thought a racial policy was wrong and to be deprecated.

Mr. Evatt, he said, had expressed regret to India's representative in Australia that he had not understood what had been said by Mr. Nehru.—Associated Press.

### Rare Stamp Up For Sale

London, February 22. A Swiss postage stamp not seen at auctions for nearly 30 years is expected to cause excited bidding at a London sale on March 2.

It is an unissued four cent black and red, issued by the Canton of Geneva in 1840. Auctioneers expect that at least £350 will be paid for it.

The last unused copy was sold for £130 in 1920.

The stamp was issued during the brief transition period when the various Swiss cantons issued their own stamps.

Only local letters were charged at four cents, and comparatively few stamps passed into the hands of outside collectors.—Reuter.

### Pakistan Anthem

Karachi, February 23. Pakistan Government officials, unable to decide on a choice of words and a tune for the Dominion's National Anthem despite long listening to the contributions of eager poets and musicians, have now handed over the task to a committee of Members of Parliament.

Asked in the Assembly today if this committee included a musician of repute, Minister of the Interior, Mr. Khawaja Shahabuddin, reassured the House, with: "Yes, the Honourable the Minister for Food."—Reuter.

### ARREST OF SPIES IN BULGARIA

Sofia, February 23. The Bulgarian Government today issued a 55-page booklet charging that the 15 arrested evangelical leaders who will go on trial on Friday were "caught rehanded" in a vast spy ring "definitely manipulated from abroad."

The Government said: "The brutal truth is some of the defendants served the Gestapo in the past and now all serve new masters."—United Press.

Air Minister Mr. Arthur Henderson asked parliament on Wednesday for more money "to strengthen the position of the Royal Air Force in aircraft and equipment."

The cost of running the RAF in the year starting April 1, he estimated will be £207,450,000 compared with £173,000,000 in 1948-49.

Mr. Henderson also asked for £16,400,000 as a deficiency appropriation for the current financial year.

Emphasis, he said, will be on quality of both men and aircraft. In size, the RAF will be cut from 292,500 to 235,000 men.

More jet fighters have been ordered, Mr. Henderson reported and some of the planes will be used to arm Britain's allies.

"Steps are being taken in collaboration with the Air Forces of France, Belgium and Holland to build up our joint defences, against air attack using common types of equipment and a common operational procedure," he said.

"Arrangements have been made for the supply of British aircraft to these allies air forces and for the manufacture of British fighters under licence and members of these air forces have received training in this country."

### Jet Bombers

Mr. Henderson also disclosed that the RAF expects to have its first jet bombers in the RAF soon.

"The development of a number of types of exceptionally high performance is proceeding as rapidly as possible and the first of these aircraft is expected to fly in the very near future," he said.

The RAF estimate brings to a total of £701,400,000, the total estimated cost of Britain's armed services for 1949-50 £1,000,000 less.

The British official said that responsible British observers in Berlin did not expect the Russians to "do a Korea" and declared their willingness to remove their occupation troops if the other three occupying powers did likewise.

The reasons given were: (1) This move did not work in Korea, where the Americans refused to withdraw at the same time as the Russians. (2) The Communist-led Socialists' Unity Party would not be able to win control in Western Germany, which had shown its anti-Communist sentiments in repeated elections. (3) The much publicised "People's Police" in the Soviet Zone was not nearly strong enough to impose Communism by force.

According to the best British information, this force was badly led, badly armed and numbered less than 50,000. Estimates from other Allied and German sources in the past few months had ranged as high as 400,000.

Responsible Western observers had been little impressed by frequent calls by pro-Soviet politicians for a re-unification of

Proposals for the programme include nationalisation of water supply (which is considered certain), of the £170,000,000 Imperial Chemical Industries, shipbuilding and sugar refining.

A proposal for nationalisation of flour milling was believed to have been successfully opposed by the great Co-operative Movement, which has its own special interests in this sphere.

One of the big tasks before today's meeting was to decide the opening theme of the second five-year plan, which will eventually shape up as the Labour election manifesto. Many Party supporters believe that the main appeal to the electorate must be on the lines of the Party's forward programme. Others think it should have a strong flavour of "look what we have done."—Reuter.

### QUAKE RECORDED

Boston, February 23. A strong earthquake was recorded here today but the Boston College seismologist, the Reverend Daniel Lincoln, said it might be either in Russia or South America.—Reuter.

Karachi, February 23. Pakistan will not keep ties of nobility, the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Khawaja Shahabuddin, told the Dominion Parliament today. It is authoritatively understood here that a system of awards similar to the French Legion d'Honneur, with classes but without titles, is being contemplated.

Pakistanis who have been given English titles are still allowed to use them though they are not recognised officially.—Reuter.

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### Scandinavian Bloc Assailed

Warsaw, February 23. The Polish Minister of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland were recalled recently for talks on "the attempts of imperialist circles to draw the Scandinavian countries into the orbit of an aggressive North Atlantic Pact," the Foreign Office announced tonight.

Poland is vitally interested in the Baltic and its neighboring countries should, not because "the sphere of imperialist machinations, which would endanger the peaceful co-operation of the Baltic States," the announcement said.—Reuter.

## Royal Navy Able To Deal With Any Emergency

London, February 23. The Royal Navy is ready to deal with any emergency which may arise, Lord Hall, the First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Lords today.

"I know from my own personal experience that the Royal Navy is in good heart," he added in a debate on naval policy.

Lord Toyneham, Conservative, who commanded destroyers and mine-sweepers in the assault on North France in 1944-45, opened the debate by admitting great improvement in the Navy since the "dark days which were with us not so long ago," but complained of a shortage of men on long-term engagements which he said could only result in a "tremendous" dilution of experienced ratings.

Lord Allwyn, supporting the complaint about naval pay, wanted to know why a dentist in the National Health Scheme could earn £4,800 a year while a Home Fleet Commander-in-Chief received only £2,950.

Lord Hall, in reply, agreed that the proportion of long-term men was only about half the pre-war rate and nearly half the men had less than three years' experience but the Navy had regained its strength and, having regard to the difficulties of the times, progress had come up to expectation.

The Earl of Cork and Orrery said that in any future war the principal object of the opposing forces would be to protect the Battle and the Black Seas. The Western powers' forces would be fully employed in keeping back the enemy's advance to the West coast of Europe and Scandinavia and the enemy would take steps to hinder in every way by air and sea efforts from British Home ports.—Reuter.

### Kravchenko To Visit Britain

Paris, February 23. The Soviet-born author, Victor Kravchenko, intends visiting Britain and several European countries at the end of the court proceedings in Paris.

Mr. Kravchenko told Reuter they "intend to give a number of lectures, meet political leaders and address meetings of workers. Among other countries I hope to visit are Holland, Italy, Switzerland and Sweden. I want to study economic and political conditions and, of course, do a bit of sightseeing."—Reuter.

## Political Crisis In Prague

London, February 23. Highly informed quarters today reported that the Russian scheme to send thousands of German workers into Czechoslovakia brought a political crisis in Prague.

President Klement Gottwald reportedly resisted the scheme while Premier Antonin Zapotocky was ready to accept it. Premier Zapotocky "disappeared" for several days. Then last night he was on Prague radio with these words: "No doubt you have heard a lot about me in the last few days. Some people had already thought that I was buried. But I am still alive."

Some sources here believed that the reported split between President Gottwald and Premier Zapotocky was behind the recent trip to Czechoslovakia by M. Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet deputy Foreign Minister. The official explanation was that Mr. Vishinsky was taking the cure at Carlsbad.

In Prague armed Czech Communist Party members patrolled the streets. Spot checks of identity papers were more frequent. A cordon was placed around the International Telephone Centre on Saturday night.

### Precautionary Measures

Such precautionary measures well might have been taken simply because of the occasion of the first anniversary of the Communist Coup in Czechoslovakia.

But confidential circulars issued to Communist Party cells was reported to have warned that "reactionaries" inside Czechoslovakia are trying to undermine the Communists "by all possible means." It added, "The Western imperialists are not lamb."

Informants said the Russian proposal to transfer Germans to Czechoslovakia was submitted some time ago. Moscow wanted to settle 200,000 to 400,000 in the Sudetenland frontier area where alleged mistreatment of German minorities was the pretext used by the Nazis to move against Czechoslovakia. After the war, Czechoslovakia expelled most of the Germans from Sudetenland and has been suffering shortage of skilled labour there ever since. In Sudetenland are coal mines, chemical plants and glass factories.—United Press.

### ANTI-T.B. CAMPAIGN

Lake Success: February 23. The International tuberculosis campaign aims at immunising more than 100,000,000 people in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. It was announced at Lake Success today.—Reuter.

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## MILITARY PROVISIONS FOR ATLANTIC PACT NATIONS

Washington, February 23.

The United States expects to negotiate separate bilateral military aid agreements with the Atlantic Pact powers as soon as the Pact is signed and Congress has appropriated funds for the rearmament of those powers.

### ECA Aid For Colonial Areas

Washington, February 23. The ECA today announced that it had approved the spending of US\$1,000,000 to finance geological and topographical surveys in Britain's colonial areas of Asia, Africa and British Guiana.—United Press.

## Burma Rebels Gaining

Rangoon, February 23. Karen rebels driving on Mandalay have occupied two railway towns to the North East and South West, a Government spokesman announced today.

They are Myingyan, 60 miles South West, and Maymyo, 30 miles to the North East.

Mandalay was "well guarded" by the Army and People's Volunteer organisation forces, he added.

At Maymyo, the loss of which was reported last night, rebels have disarmed some Government troops, but the majority escaped to Lashio, railway terminus 110 miles farther North East, where they were regrouping for a counter-offensive, the Burma Government spokesman said.

Tonight's Government communiqué claimed the repulse with heavy casualties of a two-pronged Communist attack on the big rice port of Akyab.

### Mythaung Clash

In a clash at Mythaung, 40 miles North of Akyab, Government troops killed 20 rebels, the communiqué said.

More than 2,000 Karen rebels still hold Mektila, 80 miles South of Mandalay, which they occupied on Sunday according to a press report today.

The Karens, the report added, had seized five trains and were using one as an ambulance.

Government troops and Karens were fighting at Mahaing, 20 miles North West of Mektila, it was officially stated today.

A Government spokesman confirmed that Karens captured two Burma Air Force planes at Anisakan, 30 miles North of Mandalay, when they over-ran the airstrip there on Monday.—Reuter.

## Wall Street Brief Comments

New York, February 23. Production unemployement to report rising unemployment. The New Jersey employment service reports more than seasonal unemployement occurred in January.

The Commerce Department reports that United States income of goods and services totalled \$255,000,000,000 as compared with \$232,000,000,000 in 1947. United States residents earnings were \$224,500,000,000 as compared with \$202,500,000,000.

The Department confirmed during 1948 that price development during 1948 confirmed the impression that a rather impressive shift away from the intensely inflationary position has occurred.—Reuter.

## London Freight Market Report

London, February 23. The chartering market ruled very slow, following the United States holiday, but rates were firmly held. Business was arranged for bagged wheat from South Australia to India at 73/6, bulk wheat from West Australia to the Middle East at 65/- and rice from Bangkok to India at 42/6 a ton.

Coals were fixed from the United Kingdom to Alexandria at 28/6 and to Oran or Algiers at 18/6.

The River Plate section was idle but tonnage was wanted for heavy grain to Antwerp, Lisbon and West Italy.—Reuter.

Mr. Acheson, along the lines of legislation for the United States Marshall Plan agreement, the military aid agreements would carefully safeguard the dignity and sovereignty of the countries participating in the Pact.

The British Minister, Sir Frederick Hoyle Miller, visited the State Department today for a talk with the Chairman of the Foreign Assistance Co-operation Committee, Mr. Ernest A. Cross.—Reuter.

### Military Provisions

It has been reported, but not confirmed, here that the provision for "military or other action" in case of aggression, is still retained in the latest draft.

With the final treaty draft approaching completion, official attention turns increasingly to its

### Atlantic Pact Military Clause

Washington, February 23. The military clause in the projected North Atlantic Pact will not commit the United States automatically to war, but will carry guarantees so strong that no one will mistake America's intention to resist aggression, an official source disclosed here today.

Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, will carry the Pact negotiations through on the basis of this understanding reached with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, it was understood.

The specific phrasing of the military clause is still secret. But it is understood there is agreement to give the signatories assurance of aid in the case of attack.

The State Department

hopes to present the treaty to Congress in about a month.

It would be reinforced by a multi-billion dollar military aid proposal for participating Western European countries.—Reuter.

## Norway Will Join Atlantic Pact

Oslo, February 22.

Norway will join the Atlantic Pact when the time is ripe.

The People's Party are understood to favour waiting to see how the final draft of the Atlantic Pact will be formulated.

The Government and the

majority behind them are believed to favour Norway's immediate participation in preliminary discussions.

The Government hopes that Norway can thus make her voice heard on the Pact's formulation and ensure consideration and understanding of her exposed strategic position. Norway is the

Controversy now centres on whether she should take part in the preliminary discussions or wait until the Pact is a reality, reliable political quarters said tonight. This was the chief point at issue at the Labour Party Congress last Saturday and will form the main basis of debate when Parliament considers the matter.

The more cautious elements

and the so-called opposition in

only country, mentioned in connection with the Atlantic Pact, with a common frontier with Russia.

Dr. Halvard Lange's state-

ment to Parliament will not

contain any revelations, political circles believe. The state-

ment, which will be made in

open session, probably on

Thursday, is expected to be a

general survey of the situation

giving only the gist of the

Foreign Minister's conversa-

tions in Washington and Lon-

don.

It is officially stated here that

details of how the proposed At-

lantic Pact will affect Norway—

—help for development of

harbours and airfields, for

example—were not discussed at

the Labour Party Congress.

The Parliamentary debate on

Dr. Lange's statement will not

take place before next week,

thus giving Members and party

groups time to consider the

situation.—Reuter.

### TURKISH ARMY MANOEUVRES

Istanbul, February 23.

The Turkish armed forces

today began large-scale land, air

and sea manoeuvres in and on

both banks of the Bosphorus

near the entrance to the Black

Sea, designed to test their ability

to repel any attack from the

Black Sea.

The heads of the United States

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## Envoy Of Western Powers To Meet In Washington

Washington, February 23.

Diplomatic sources today said the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and envoys of six other Western powers, would hold an important conference tomorrow about the proposed North Atlantic security pact.

### Fleet Ready For Emergency

Rosyth, Scotland, February 23.

One hundred and fifty ships of the allies of the Reserve Fleet have been refitted since the beginning of 1948 to "make them ready for any emergency." Vice-Admiral Sir Claud Barry, the Navy's Director of Dockyards, announced at the naval base here today.

"Very special efforts have been made since last August to bring our large reserve fleet into a state of repair," the Admiral said.—Reuter.



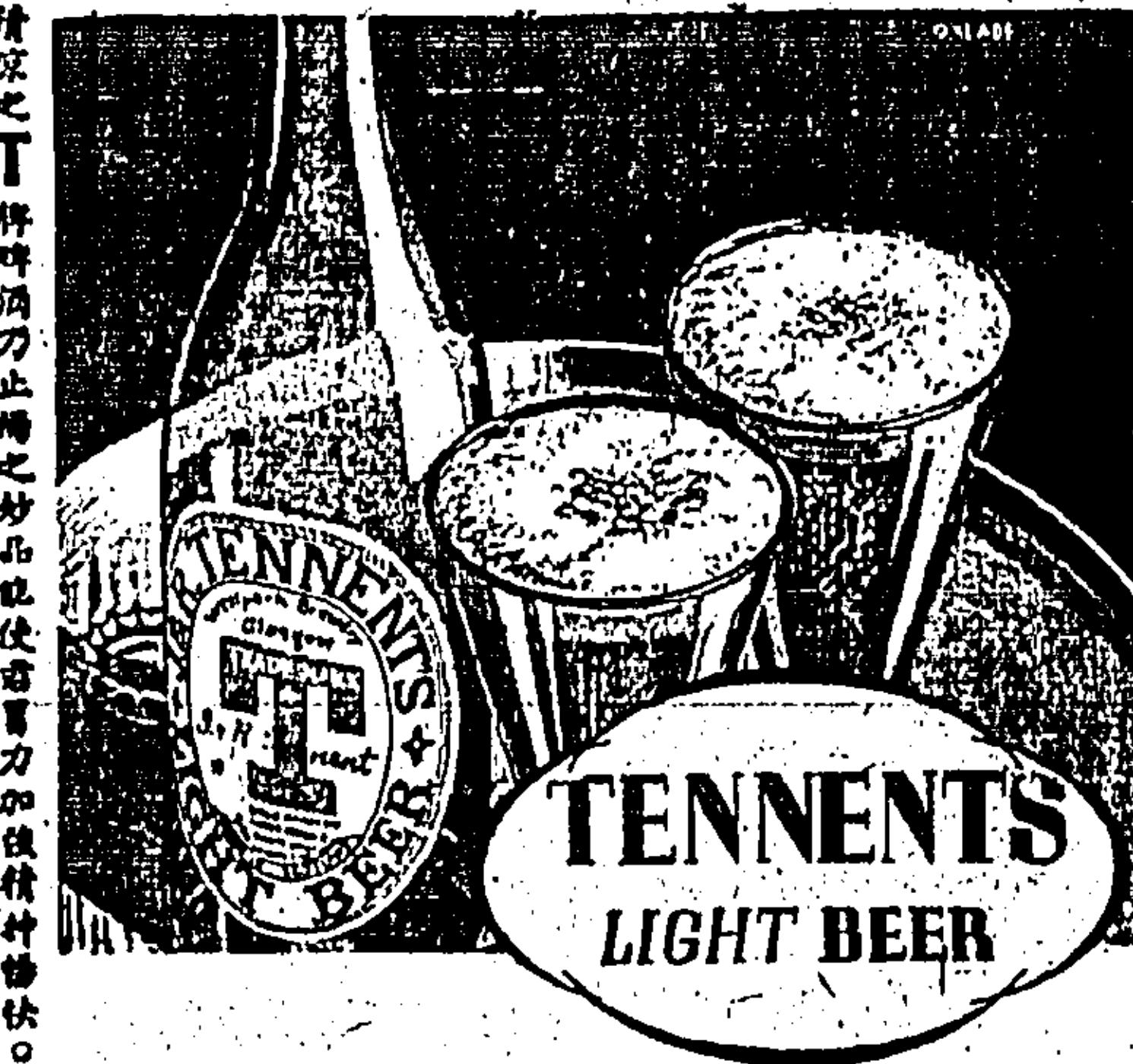
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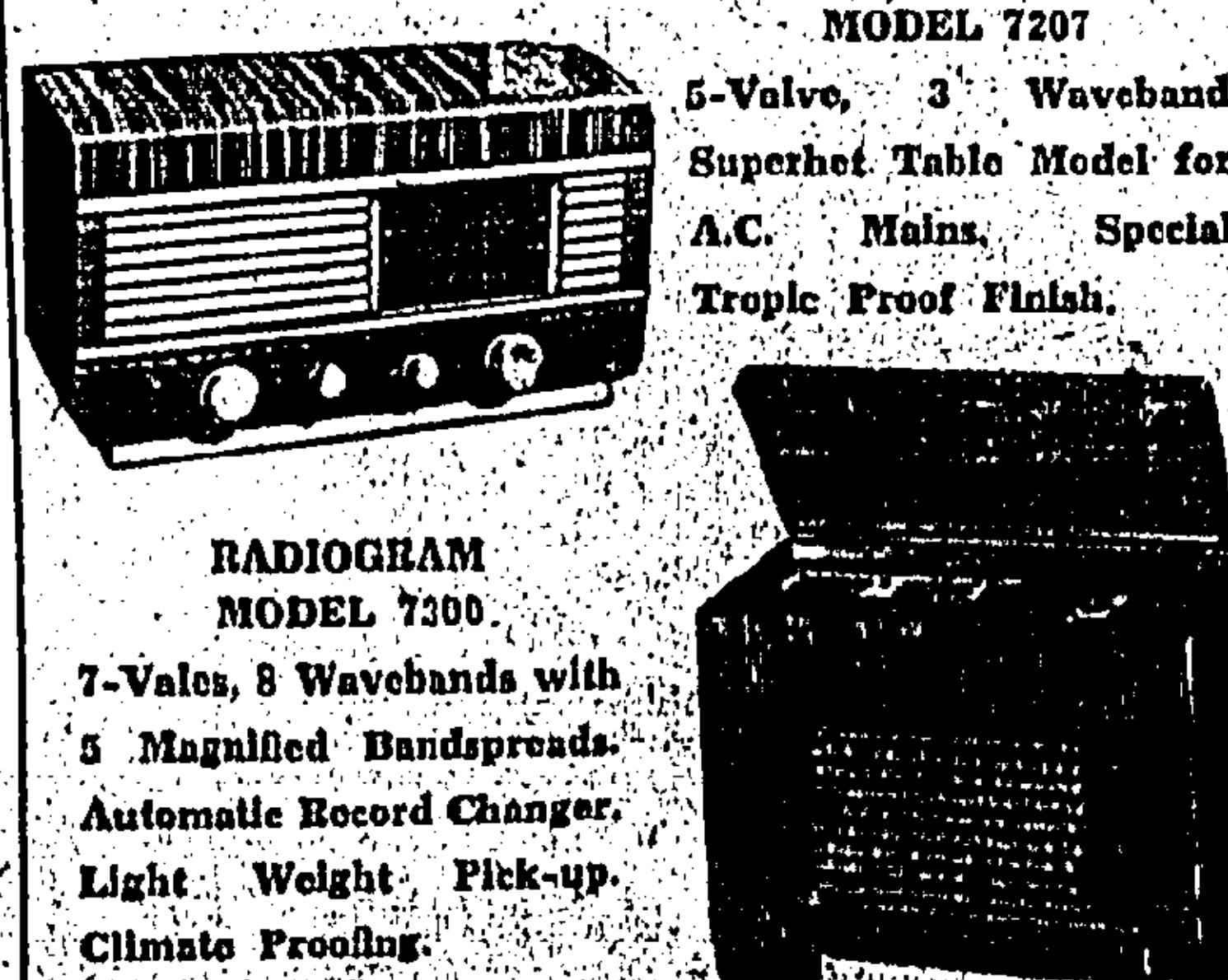


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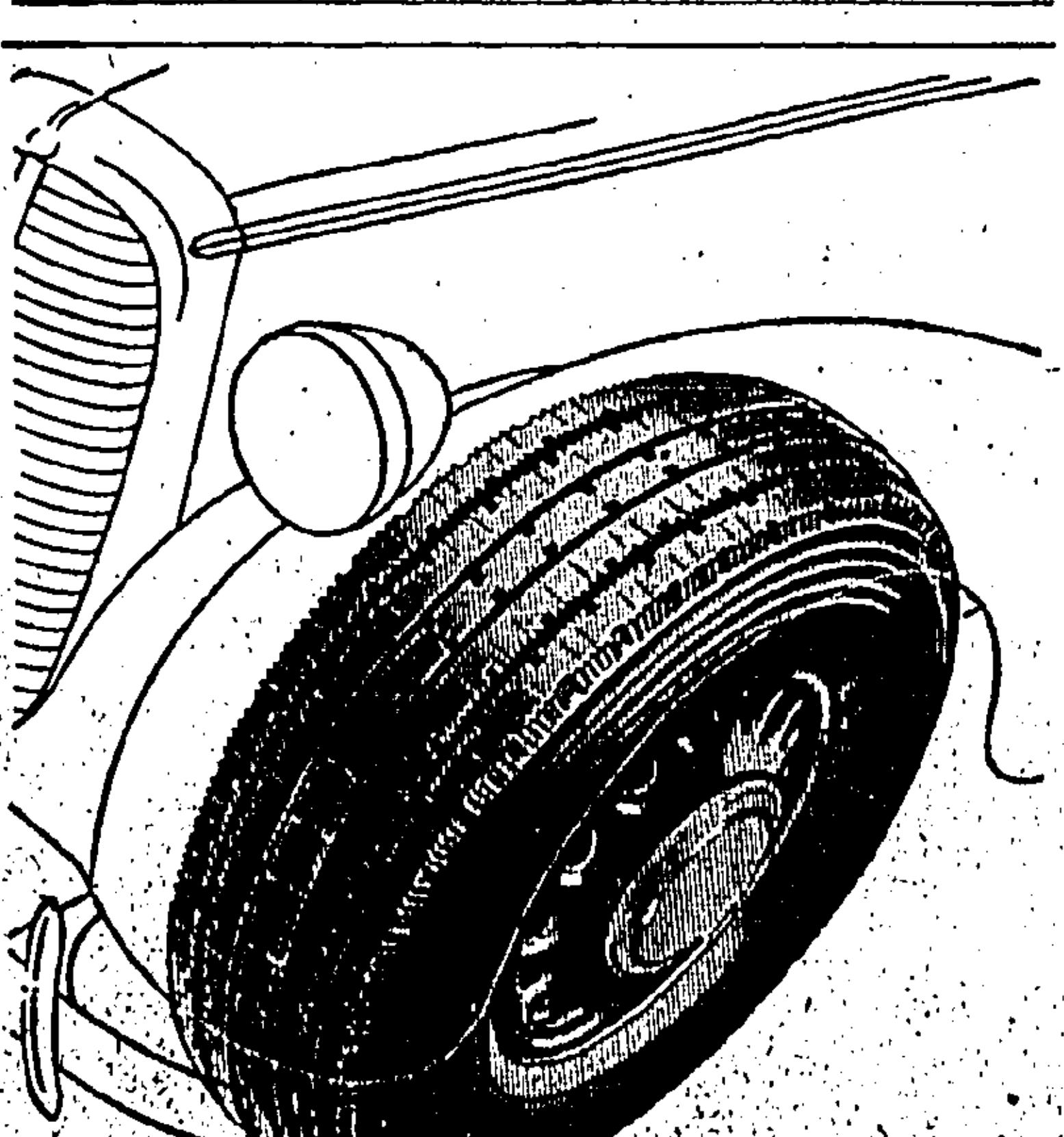
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## BAO DAI TO RETURN TO ANNAM

Paris, February 23.

The French Government, after several years of negotiation, has reached agreement with Bao Dai, ex-Emperor of Annam, and he will go back to Indo-China before the end of March, according to a joint communique issued today by the French Premier's Office and by the Cabinet of the ex-Emperor in Paris.

The agreement will be confirmed by an exchange of letters shortly, it was learned from the Ministry of Overseas Territories. It was reached at a luncheon yesterday given by the ex-Emperor to the French Minister for Overseas Territories, M. Paul Coste Floret, who gave details to the French Cabinet today.

The terms of the agreement are being kept secret, the time being but will be submitted to the National Assembly on March 11, which date has been fixed for a debate on Indo-China. This debate is

intended to end with a vote ratifying the terms of the agreement, and in particular regarding the ascent of Parliament to rescind old French treaty rights in Cochin-China the "rice-bowl" of Vietnam State.

Despite the official agreement some matters remain to be settled between the French Government and Bao Dai. According to usually reliable sources one of the points of the agreement is French assent to let Cochin-China be included in the Vietnam Republic "if the Cochin-China population opts for this union."

He claimed: "These moves would lead to economic bankruptcy for Western Europe and the United States and invite a war which no nation can win."

Mr. Wallace said that the North Atlantic Pact "made aggressive gestures against the Soviet Union by establishing military bases near her borders."

"Inevitably they will provoke heavy counter-measures."

He renewed his suggestion that the Truman administration should bargain with Russia across the conference table as "an honourable, a peaceful and a practical alternative." —Reuter.

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According to unofficial reports, the agreement with the ex-Emperor provides for:

1. Freedom for Cochin-China to opt for unity with the Vietnam Republic.

2. Full administrative autonomy for the Vietnam Republic.

3. The constitution of a Vietnam Army.

4. The appointment of Vietnam diplomatic agents in the countries of South East Asia.

5. Military bases for the French Union in Vietnam controlled by the French General Staff.

6. Representatives of Vietnam in the Assembly of the French Union—the "Parliament" of the French Empire which meets in Versailles and whose elected deputies represent all French overseas territories.

**Economic Questions**

According to the same unofficial reports, economic questions remain to be settled. These include the control of the customs and of issuing the currency.

French policy is based on the expectation that with the ex-Emperor assuming the role of head of the Vietnam Republic, including Cochin-China, with a very large measure of self-government and independence within the framework of the French Union, the big majority of the population will rally to this regime and will thus enable the Vietnam Government itself to pacify the country and break the power of the Nationalist partisans led by Moscow-trained Dr. Ho Chi Minh.

In some French quarters, however, especially among Socialist leaders, the view is still held that Dr. Ho Chi Minh has too

strong a hold on the Vietnam territories and that in some way or other he will have to be brought into the picture if the country is to be definitely pacified.

A representative of Dr. Ho told Reuter in Paris today: "Any agreement between Bao Dai and the French Government leaves the position unchanged for us.

We shall continue the fight for

total independence. We shall

probably launch a fresh offensive shortly." —Reuter.

**French Attitude on Berlin Issue**

Paris, February 23.

The French Government can-

not support the recommendations of the Security Council "Com-

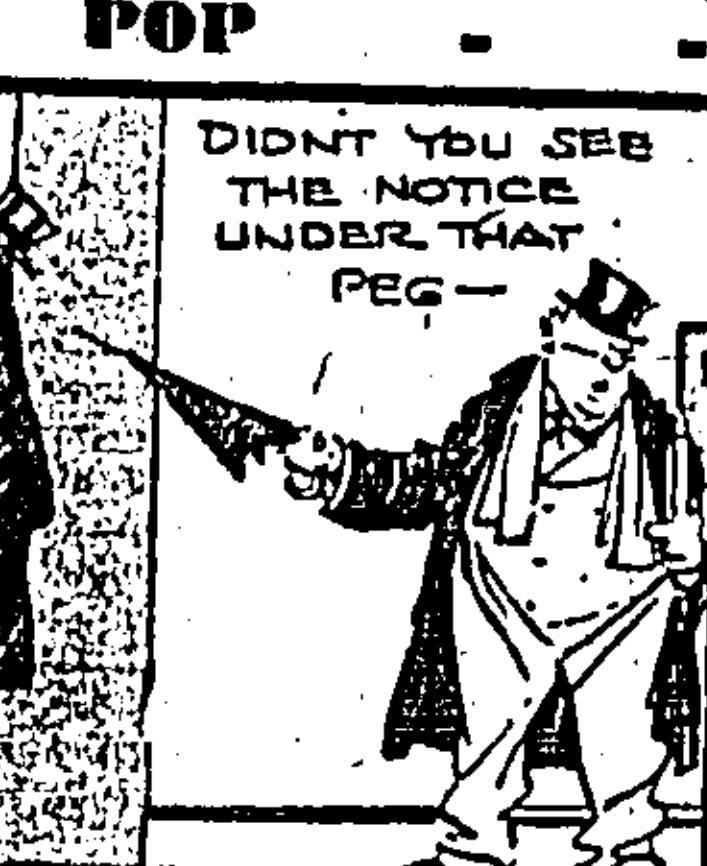
mittee of Neutrals" for a settle-

ment of the Berlin question, a

spokesman of the French Foreign

Office announced today. —Reuter.

### POP



## U.S. Geologists For Africa

London, February 24.

Britain on Wednesday re-

ceived approval to use Eco-

nomic Co-operation Ad-

ministration funds to engage

50 American geologists for

research in British territories

in Africa.

The British project was

formed as a means of main-

aining geological survey

work despite the shortage of

British geologists.

Lack of skilled surveyors

because of the curtailment

of training courses during

the war has hampered valu-

able surveys in Africa, an

ECA announcement said.

Associated Press.

## U.S. Approves Bill For Alien Supporters

Washington, February 23.

The House of Representatives Armed Services Committee today unanimously approved a bill

to allow the United States to care for aliens who

help American spies abroad. The measure will

grant residence in the United States every year

to 100 persons who had given valuable in-

formation to United States central intelligence

in foreign countries.

"This is just plain spying no matter what you call it and you have to be able to offer your spies something," said the Committee chairman, Representative Carl Vinson, Democrat for Georgia. "This bill would let our agents bring aliens into this country for their protection after they give us information he added.

The bill would waive all ad-

missibility laws for people con-

sidered eligible by the Central

Intelligence Agency for sanctu-

ary in the United States. They would

be granted permanent residence,

and could apply for citizenship,





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| Arrivals   | Departures                         |
| "TASMAN" from Swatow & Amoy 25th Feb.            | to Manila 8th March                |
| "TJIJALENGKA" In port                            | to Javaports & Macassar 5th March  |
| "TJIBADAK" from Macassar & Javaports 3rd March   | to Shanghai 5th March              |
| "TJISADANE" from Macassar & Javaports 17th March | to Javaports & Macassar 17th March |
|  | to Shanghai 10th March             |
|  | to Javaports & Macassar 31st March |

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| Arrivals   | Departures   |
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| "RIJF" In port   | to South Africa & South America 25th February 5 p.m. |
| "STRAAT MALAKKA" from South Africa, 5th March              | to South Africa & South America, 23rd March          |
| "HOISSEVAIN" from South America & South Africa, 21st April | to South Africa & South America, 21st April          |
| "STRAAT SOENDA" In port                                    | to South Africa & South America, 18th May            |

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## TOMORROW

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PIONEER COVE (U.S.L.) for Manila

PIONEER COVE (U.S.L.) for New  
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FLYING CLIPPER (Pattison) for New  
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HAI TUN (Humen) for Shanghai.

HAI TUN (Humen) for Swatow.

HONG SHANG (Ho Homen) for Singapore.

NOHEVERETT (Everett) for Shanghai.

RIYU (Ri) for S. Africa and S.  
America.

TSUNAN (B &amp; S) for Swatow.

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FORT CHARLOTTE (NSO) R. White

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## Arrivals

## TODAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Shanghai: 11.30 a.m.

CNAF ex-Ancon: 8.45 a.m., 12.15 p.m.

CNAF ex-Canton: 8.45 a.m., 12.15 p.m.

CNAF ex-Hong Kong: 9.45 a.m., 11.45 a.m.

CNAF ex-Singapore: 4 p.m.

CNAF ex-Taipei: 4 p.m.

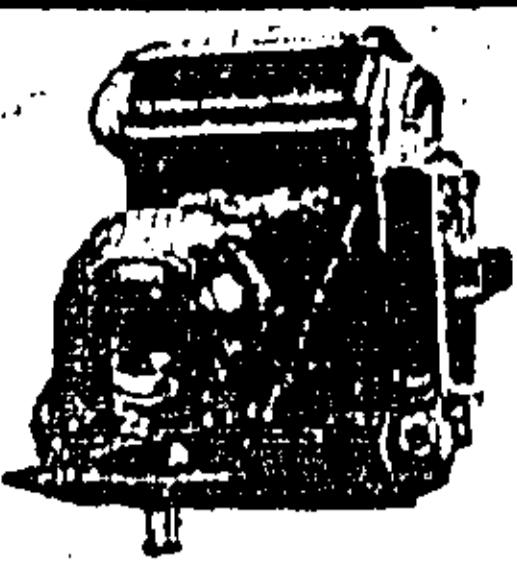
CNAF ex-Tokyo: 4 p.m.

CNAF ex-Tunghai: 4 p.m.

CNAF ex-Twinkow: 4 p.m.

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## Seeded Players Favoured In Tennis Championship

### Malayan Shuttlers Weakened

Glasgow, February 23. The Malayan badminton team left here this morning in glorious sunshine on their way South to Preston, Lancashire, for the final of the Thomas Cup against Denmark on Friday and Saturday.

Their jubilance over the international final won against the United States was tempered by the bad news about Wong's arm and that a weakened side would have to take the court against the Danes. Wong was really hardly fit to play against the United States, but the Malayan manager, Mr. Lim, decided to persevere with him and purposely minimised his injury as he did not wish him to make excuses in advance should his team have lost.

The loss of Wong is a bitter blow to the Malaysians, but they are not despondent. As Mr. Lim philosophically said, they have not seen the Danes in action and cannot, therefore, say what difference Wong's absence will make.

The Danes are genuinely sorry to hear the news at breakfast this morning. It came as a great surprise to them and to most people as few had any idea that the Singapore player was unfit.

Joachim Skarup, the Danish champion, told Reuter: "I am very sorry to hear about it, but I think the Malaysians are right not to play a half fit man." There appears to be some difference of opinion among the Malaysians over the composition of the team for the final. Some feel that Law, who was so easily beaten last night by the Americans No. 3 should have been dropped. He is said to suffer from nerves and to lack the big match temperament.—Reuter.

### Large Crowds Expected At Rugby Game

(By "TOUCH JUDGE")

A large turn-out is expected to watch Club play the Singapore United Services XV on the Club ground at 4 p.m. tomorrow.

The visitors were due to arrive at 4 p.m. yesterday but have been delayed until this afternoon by adverse weather conditions.

Information regarding the team's ability is scanty, but several of the players have played for well known Clubs at home, F/O Carpenter having turned out for London Scottish and Combined Services.

There have been three changes from the team originally selected. Let to what extent this has weakened the team or otherwise, is not known.

Club are relying on the team which overcame Shanghai so decisively last Saturday with one exception. Peter Hulson, one of their most outstanding forwards, dropped out owing to injury, his place being taken by George Wright—Neeth, who normally plays for HAF-Police; the latter is a grand wing forward and the change does not weaken Club in any way.

If the Club of forwards can obtain as much of the ball as they normally do and the centres give their wings more of the ball the Singapore side will have to produce very good football to win.

The teams are:

Singapore United Services: W.O. Slade, 2/Lieut. Greyson, Capt. Churcher, 1/Lieut. Madillson (Army), Lieut. Daley (RN), Capt. Sgt. Stothard, Sgt. Sykes, S/Sgt. Edwards (Army), F/O Carpenter (RAF), QMSI Gibson, Capt. Rowland Price (Army), F/O Taylor (RAF), Lieut. Drew (Army), Sgt. Baker, F/Lieut. Von de Moulon (RAF).

Reserves: Cpl. Fabian, QMSI Smith (Army) and F/Sgt. Dulbeer (RAF).

Cpt. A. Lochlan, R. de Rome, D. H. Franklin, P. Franklin, M. Hutchinson, P. Nolan, J. R. Henderson, J. V. Carroll, N. J. Maffett, H. M. O. Forgrave, E. Brown, J. M. Bowman, G. Wright, N. J. A. Taylor and J. J. Warner.

Six more fixtures of the Colony's Lawn Tennis Open Singles Championship will be decided this afternoon.

Three seeded players will be seen in action. Of these, H. A. Ayres and Tsui Wai-pui, difficulty in getting

into the next round.

The third seeded player, Choy Tin-fook may meet with some formidable opposition from Lee Boon-sing in a game which promises to be the best of the evening.

Lee is in his first tournament in the Colony. He is best remembered as the young Java player, who gave a spectacular exhibition of doubles last April against the Tsui brothers. He is a hard-hitting player with a powerful service, and if he finds his form, an upset may not be unlikely.

Choy is considered as one of the most improved players this season and on present form should manage to edge out Tsui.

George Chou, the former University champion is another player, whose form will be watched with interest.

An arm disability kept him out of the tournament last year, but in the previous year, he nearly created a major upset when just failed to eliminate Tsui Yun-pui in the quarter-final after winning the first set and leading in the second set.

The following are today's games:

Court 1: H. A. Ayres vs. F. Lin  
Court 2: George Chou vs. Wong Shiu-wing  
Court 3: Choy Tin-fook vs. Lee Boon-sing  
Court 4: F. V. Harrison vs. W. Solberg  
Court 5: Wong Shek-man vs. J. V. Sellers  
Court 6: Tsui Wai-pui vs. B. Gossano

Fixtures for week beginning February 28 are:

#### Monday

Court 1: P. H. Bannerman & S. Saul vs. D. J. Leonard & L. F. de Souza  
Court 2: F. H. Kwok & Wong Siu-ki vs. Tsui Yun-pui & Tsui Wai-pui  
Court 3: Ho-Ka-lu & Pang Oi-lam vs. D. M. Rodrigues & A. J. Remedios  
Court 4: J. V. Sellers & J. B. Hawthorn vs. Lee Wal-tong & K. H. Ip  
Court 5: R. Segalen vs. Au Kam-moon (replay)  
Court 6: Choy Tin-fook & Choy Tin-wai vs. J. A. C. Hurlbut & M. D. A. Clinton

#### Tuesday

Court 1: Kwok Hing-chung & Roach Leung vs. J. S. Lee & Lee Ming  
Court 2: R. Ng Yeek-kin & P. Poon vs. B. Gossano & G. N. Gosano  
Court 3: George Chan & L. C. Kowalewski vs. T. E. Baker & R. O. Baker  
Court 4: E. M. Hayhurst & S. N. M. W. Harris vs. Tsui Ping-fan & Luk Ding-cheung  
Court 5: G. Liu & S. P. Tso vs. F. M. Ribeiro & T. E. Rodrigues  
Court 6: I. Agafuroff & Dr. H. Meyer vs. Lee Yue-wing & Wong Shiu-wing

#### Wednesday

Court 1: Daniel Chan & M. L. Chan vs. L. F. Stokes & R. Segalen  
Court 2: J. L. C. Pearce & D. Filzroy Williams vs. G. H. Wiggleworth & D. Nolan  
Court 3: M. Heenan & M. W. Lo vs. F. A. Fisher & Capt. R. W. Macbeth  
Court 4: Norman Lo & Donald Lo vs. Albert Chan & Lawrence Chan  
Court 5: Peter M. F. U. & C. Lau vs. Lee Boon-sing & T. T. Chen  
Court 6: Au Kam-moon & Lee Chun-kit vs. J. S. Birne & A. J. Doyle

#### Thursday

HKCC Club Singles Championship  
Court 1: G. A. Furrer vs. G. H. Wiggleworth  
Court 2: G. A. Lemay vs. Dr. H. Meyer  
Court 3: H. J. Armstrong vs. R. Segalen  
Court 4: J. D. Mackie vs. J. Birne  
Court 5: D. Nolan vs. F. V. Harrison  
Court 6: K. M. Getz vs. J. B. Hawthorn  
Court 7: J. L. Pearce vs. K. J. Middly  
Court 8: J. V. Sellers vs. M. Heenan

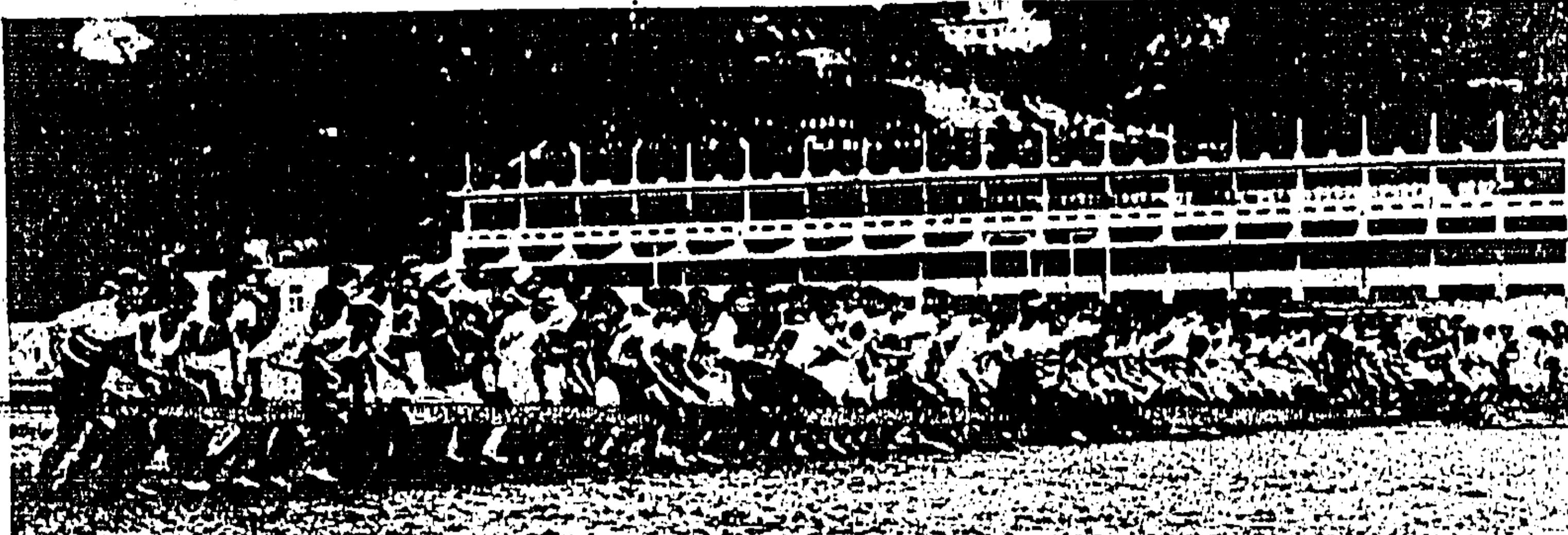
#### Friday

Court 1: D. Nolan vs. F. V. Harrison  
Court 2: K. M. Getz vs. J. B. Hawthorn  
Court 3: J. L. Pearce vs. K. J. Middly  
Court 4: J. V. Sellers vs. M. Heenan  
The Umpires for next week's games are: Monday: C. W. Way, J. D. Mackie, K. A. Cook, G. W. Sewell, J. B. Kite and Chow Sing-tao.

#### TRIAL MATCH

In preparation for the forthcoming "International" hockey games, the Malayan Hockey team will hold a final trial match at the University ground, Pokfulam Road, on Sunday at 4.30 p.m. All those who wish to represent the team are kindly requested to be present at the trial game.

In mechanical voting, members press buttons automatically re-



More than 150 contestants sprang into action on the "Get Set, Go" signal for the first post-war Fleet cross-country race at the Race Course yesterday. Leading Seaman Ham of HMS Belfast won the coveted Fleet Trophy for his ship with 584 points. ("China Mail" Photo).

## LIS Ham Wins Cross-Country Race In 1945

Leading Seaman Ham of HMS Belfast won the first post-war Fleet cross-country race which was held yesterday with participation of more than 150 contestants.

The Fleet Trophy was won by HMS Belfast with 584 points, while the trophy for Small Ships was won by HMS Dampier with 597 points.

On conclusion of the race, prizes were distributed by Lady Brind, wife of Vice-Admiral Sir E. J. Patrick Brind, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station.

The race started and finished inside the race course at Happy Valley. On leaving the race course, the contestants proceeded by way of Sports Road into Wong-nie-hung Road, up Blue Pool Road, along Tai Hang Road and then down Broadwood Road into Wong-nie-hung Road, returning to the race course by way of Sports Road. The distance covered was slightly less than four miles.

Results:

Individual runners: 1st: Leading Seaman Ham (Belfast); 2nd: Lieut. Baton (Dampier); 3rd: A/B Moore (Belfast). (Time: 19 mins. 45 secs.)

Fleet Trophy: 1st: HMS Belfast (584 points); 2nd: HMS London (562 points); 3rd: Fregates (1150 points).

Small Ships: HMS Dampier (597 points).

#### BADMINTON RESULTS

The following are results of Badminton League games played during the week:

Men's Doubles "A" Division

University beat Recrelo, 9-0.

Men's Doubles "B" Division

Kowloon Tong "A" beat St. John's "A", 6-3.

Chinese YMCA beat RAF, 8-1.

St. Teresa's "A" beat Kowloon Dock, 9-0.

VRC "A" beat KCC, 8-1.

Recrelo beat St. John's "B", 9-0.

Kowloon Tong "B" beat VRC "B", 9-0.

University beat KCC (w.o.).

The final scoreboard:

NATAL: 1st innings

2nd innings

Fell c Tremlett b Bedser

Turner c b Jenkins

de Gersigny c Bedser b

Compton

Nourse b Palmer

Dowling lbw b Wright

Watkins b Palmer

Rutherford not out

Williams not out

Extras

Total (for 6 decl.).

MCC: 1st innings

2nd "

Palmer c Williams

b Dinklemann

Simpson lbw b Dinklemann

Compton a Fell b Watkins

Tremlett not out

Evans vs. Williams

b Dinklemann

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Extras (for 4). 200

Reuter.

#### SCORPIONS XI

The following will represent HKCC "Scorpions" in their First League cricket match against Craigmawer at Chater Road tomorrow:

L.F. Stokes, O.J. Kerr, T.A. Pearce, M. Newton, H. Owen Hughes, J.E. Richardson, F. Howarth, R.H. Hughes, J.D. Clague, E.F. Gee and A.P. Weir.

On Sunday, the "Scorpions" will be represented by the following in their match against HKCC "Optimists" at Chater Road:

T.A. Pearce, O.J. Kerr, M. Newton, I.N. MacLeod, D.H. Leach, H. Owen Hughes, G.B. Gibbons, A.P. Weir, E.F. Gee, J.D. Clague and A.N. Other.

Parliament was asked to vote

at the same time on a Conservative motion of confidence in the Government. The result, after automatic voting, was 98 for the Conservative motion and 97 for the Government motion. On a recount the voting was 97-97.

The issue was settled by drawing lots which went against the Government. When the debate was continued a second vote of confidence was taken and this time the Government secured the necessary majority.

The Agrarian Party, which won the general elections last July, had asked the Government if

it was aware that low fixed prices of farm produce, marketing difficulties, increased production costs and high taxation, have made the position of farmers and especially smallholders, untenable.

#### Mechanical Voting

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quested to be present at the trial game.

Parliament refused to refer the matter to the Committee. A number of People's Democrats then left the House as a protest, saying the Government had retained power by a "trick."

Reuter.

## KCC XI Clash With Optimists In Best Game

Best match on tomorrow's League cricket card promises to be the one between Kowloon Cricket Club and the "Optimists" while another good game should be that between Recrelo, playing at home and Royal Navy.

On Sunday another good game is promised—that between the two Hong Kong Cricket Club sides, "Optimists" and "Scorpions". The last match between these teams resulted in a draw, but I rather fancy the latter's chances, especially if they are at full strength.

The "Scorpions" will be at home to Craigmawer tomorrow and it is doubtful if the Happy Valley team will be able to hold their bats, who should quite comfortably.

At the Navy ground, also tomorrow, the Senior Service 2nd XI will meet Club de Revere Juniors who should win, but anything can happen on the tricky wicket and I will not be surprised if the home team brings off the unexpected.

Indian RC will be at home to Kowloon seconds in a friendly and if Kowloon wins, as I expect, they will not be out of turn, as the Indians won both their League games earlier in the season.

University seconds had arranged a friendly with Indian RC at Pokfulam on Sunday but the game has been called off.

Conn is in better shape than Louis and Savold is concerned